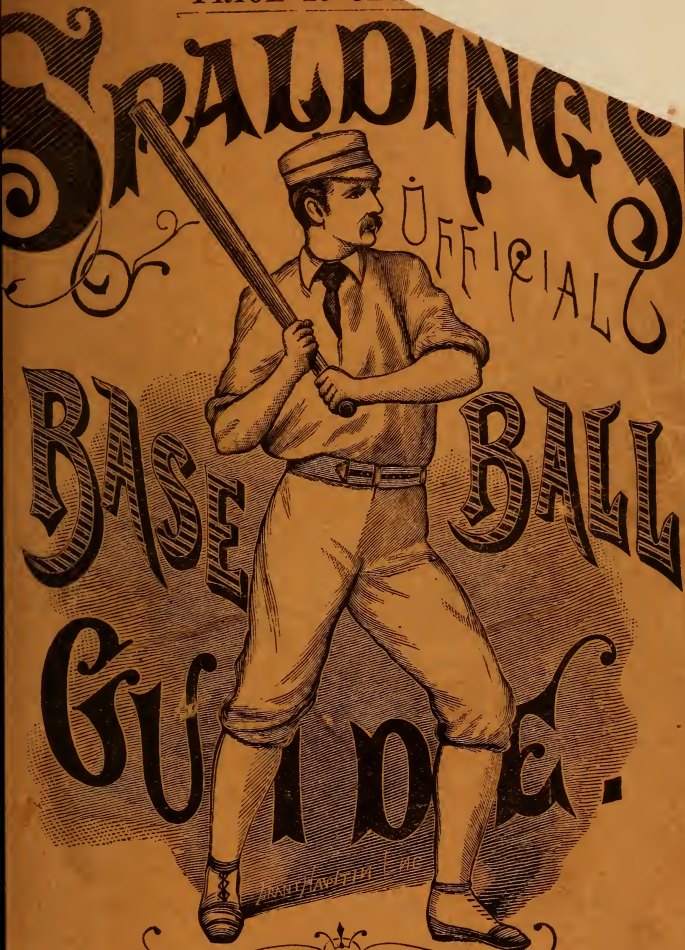


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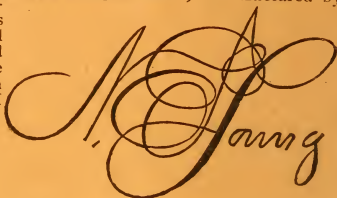
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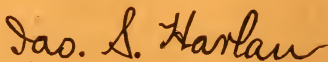
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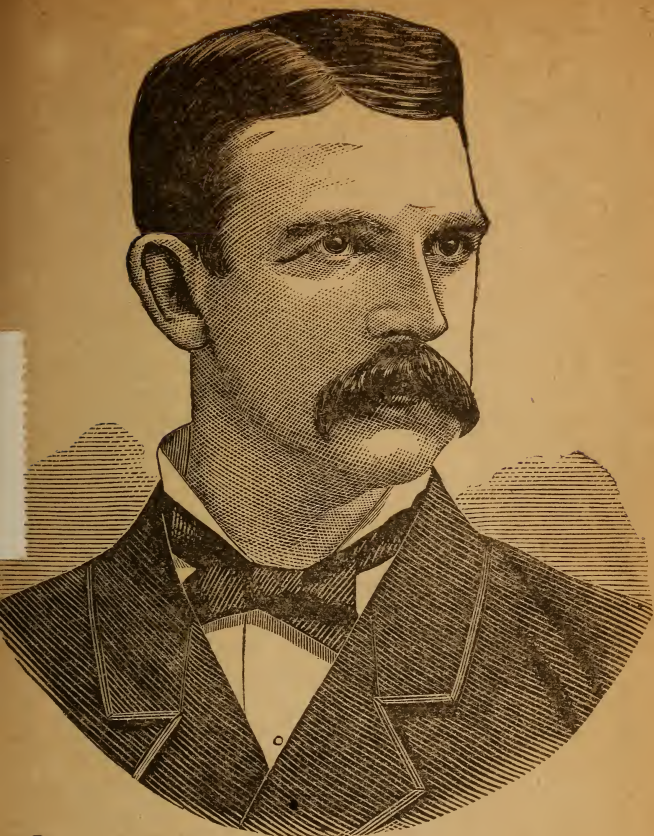
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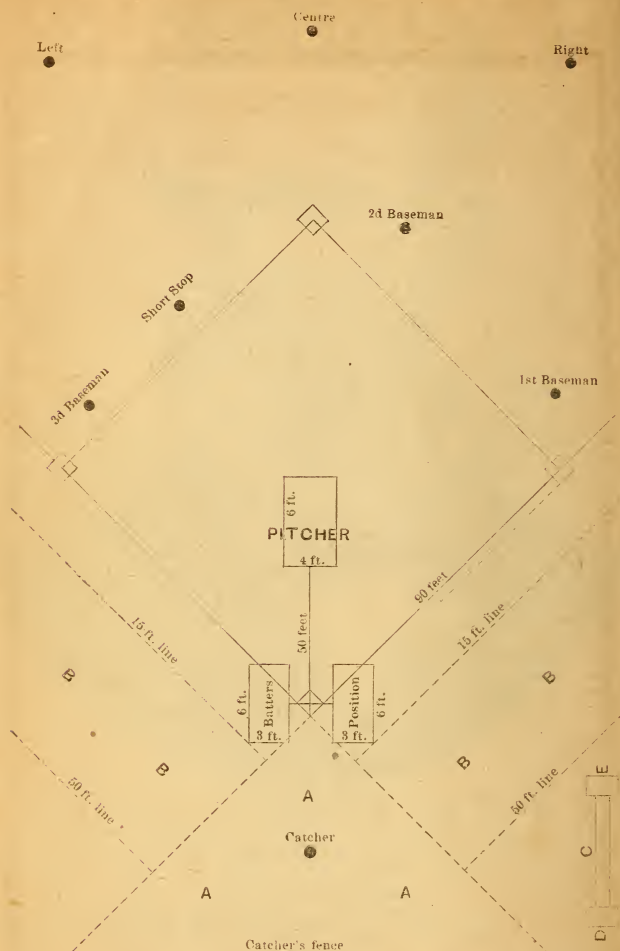
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 E.—Home Players Bat Rack.

IN MEMORIAM.
WILLIAM A. HULBERT, ESQ.,
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The opening of the season of 1882 was marked by a sad event, which cast a shadow of gloom over the entire season, and deeply stirred the sensibilities of all who love, support, or patronize our national game, and especially of the many thousands who have in years gone by felt solicitude for its future, and realized the invaluable service rendered by Mr. William A. Hulbert, of Chicago, in elevating its moral tone, and in extirpating the evils which at one time threatened to ruin it.

Mr. Hulbert was a man to command attention in any undertaking in which he might participate; of magnificent physique, commanding presence, and strong personality, endowed with a powerful intellect, keen logic, and impressive directness of speech, he was essentially a leader among men, and these qualities of leadership, guided as they were by a clear judgment and strict impartiality, and unerring instinct of right and detestation of wrong, placed him in an exalted position in the annals of our national game, which no one who preceded him had ever attained, and no one who follows him can hope to completely fill.

Mr. Hulbert was born Oct. 23, 1832, in Burlington Flats, Otsego county, New York, and in 1834 came to Chicago with his parents, who were among the earliest settlers. He received an excellent education at Beloit College, and in 1850 entered upon an earnest and successful business career. He had been a prominent member of the Chicago Board of Trade for about fifteen years, and was well known on 'Change as a clear-headed, far-sighted, and successful operator, although for several years immediately preceding his death his interest in the national game, and in the Chicago Ball Club, of which

he was President and mainstay, was so absorbing that he largely sacrificed to them his material business interests.

Mr. Hulbert had long approved and contributed to the support of the game of base ball in Chicago before he took an active interest in it; he was a thorough believer in the value to the American people of wholesome outdoor sports, and saw clearly in the national game a means of healthful recreation and physical improvement, which, properly directed, would be highly beneficial alike to participants and spectators.

Before the organization of the League, in the winter of 1875-6, he had been persuaded to become an officer of the Chicago Base Ball Club, then a member of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players. In this capacity he attended the annual convention of the Association, held in Philadelphia in 1875. Coming thus into direct contact for the first time with the men who were then managing the affairs, and prescribing the rules of base ball and base ball clubs, he saw that a radical reform should be effected, and an entirely new departure made, to place the national game on an enduring footing. The idea of a National League originated then and there in the mind of Mr. Hulbert, and before he left Philadelphia he had thought out the general plan and many of the details, which soon afterward assumed form and shape in the organization of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, which started out in the season of 1876 with eight of the most powerful professional clubs in the country in its ranks, and which has continued its organization and carried out the policy then and there engrafted in its constitution by Mr. Hulbert, down to the present day.

It is needless to occupy space here in recounting all that has been accomplished for the game of base ball through Mr. Hulbert's influence and agency. There is no one of the many thousands who take part in, or patronize the game as it is now exhibited, who does not know these things, or who fails to recognize the fact that to William A. Hulbert, above all other men, is due the credit of rescuing the game from the evils into which it had fallen, and from the ruin into which it was

drifting, and that he, more than any other man, had given it its present place as the foremost and best of all American field sports.

Mr. Hulbert died at his residence, No. 334 Fortieth street, Chicago, April 10, 1882, after a long and severe illness; the fatal disease being a complication of heart disease and dropsy. How he bore this affliction can best be described in the language of Mr. W. I. Culver, a prominent Chicago lawyer, in an address made by him at a meeting of the stockholders and players of the Chicago Ball Club, held at the club room, 108 Michigan avenue, Chicago, the day following Mr. Hulbert's death. He said:

"'A deathbed's a detector of the heart;
Here tired dissimulation drops her mask.'

"To those who were present at Mr. Hulbert's bedside during the weary nights of his long and fated illness, nothing was more suggestively prominent than the fact that he was dying as he lived—a sincere, earnest, energetic man. There was no mask for him to drop; he had worn none. Though impatient of suffering and of the restraint of his daily increasing weakness, he was bold and manly to the last; certain that his days were numbered, hopeless of cure, writhing at times in pain, he awaited the liberator death, with as much composure as he would have greeted a friend. He lived and died a man."

Mr. Culver's analysis of the character of his dead friend was so clear, judicial, and accurate, that we can do no better than adopt the following additional extract from his remarks on this occasion:

"Perhaps his main characteristic was positiveness. There were no negative qualities about him. His physical and mental conditions were reflections of each other—both indicative of robust strength. This quality, united with others of which I shall speak, gave him a conscious power and influence among those with whom he came in contact. In whatever he undertook he commanded respect by his energetic and candid expressions of opinion.

"Essentially a reformer in a material sense, he enforced obedience to his ideas of right rather by concise

logic than by persuasion. Of the latter, as a means of accomplishing results, he knew little, and for it had no respect. He never employed it. If he could not carry his point by convincing the reason of those he sought to bring to his way of thinking, he preferred to abandon it, but it was seldom he failed. His mental processes were so acute, his foresight so extraordinary, and his manner of expression so forcible, that it was rarely that he made the mistake of advocating an unwise project, or that he suffered the humiliation of defeat when he was ready to present and urge it.

"He was an originator, not an adopter of ideas. This is exemplified by the work he left behind, for it will be admitted without question that the league legislation was his creation, and its perfection of plan and detail, and the excellent results it has already accomplished, prove the foresight and comprehensiveness of mind of its originator.

"In business and social relations, sincerity and candor attended his every act and word. He pretended nothing that he was not; he said nothing that he did not mean. No one ever doubted his word, or disbelieved his promise."

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the meeting referred to:

"RESOLVED, That the officers, stockholders, and players of the Chicago Base Ball Club have received with deep sorrow and regret the sad announcement of the death of their esteemed President, W. A. Hulbert. They fully appreciate the fact that in losing him the surviving officers have lost the leader of their councils, the director of their policy, and the promoter of their success; the stockholders a zealous and trustworthy custodian of their interests, who was ever true to the trusts submitted to his care, and the players a sincere friend and candid adviser, whose main object was ever to promote their welfare, to encourage harmony, and to command for them honorable success by teaching them to deserve it. Mr. Hulbert was pre-eminent as an organizer; to him almost alone is due the present standard of right and honorable dealing so vigorously enforced by the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, for it was he who conceived the idea of the League itself, and

to him more than any other are due the main features of league legislation and discipline.

"RESOLVED, That in order to continue, as far as possible, the plans and purposes so ardently fostered by Mr. Hulbert concerning the national game, it shall be the constant effort of the club and its officers and players to preserve its present high standard of integrity and fair-dealing in their games and in their intercourse with other clubs, and to respect and obey the well-known wishes of their late manager and guide.

"RESOLVED, That, deeply sympathizing with the family of Mr. Hulbert in their affliction, those present express to them their sincere condolence, and that a copy of these resolutions, after the same are recorded, be engrossed by the Secretary and transmitted to the widow of the deceased."

At the annual meeting of the National League, held in Providence in December last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, That by the death of our friend and former President, Mr. W. A. Hulbert, the national game and this League have alike suffered an irreparable loss.

"RESOLVED, That to him alone is due the credit of having founded this League, and to his able leadership, sound judgment and impartial management, are chiefly due the success it has thus far attained, and the substantial reforms which have been effected in the exhibition of the national game since the organization of this League.

"RESOLVED, That we honor his name, and will ever cherish his memory, and will endeavor, in the conduct of the affairs of this League, to pursue the line of policy which he inaugurated.

"RESOLVED, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be furnished Mr. Hulbert's family, with the assurance of our profound sympathy with them in their bereavement."

Among the many tributes by the press we select a few extracts:

[Chicago Times, April 11.]

"To him, more than to any one else, is due the present popularity of the game. A man of the most sterling honesty of purpose, combined with a rare knowledge of men; never seeking an unfair ad-

vantage for his own club, never pursuing any devious courses to obtain ends, seeing the ultimate results of any particular act with a clearness amounting almost to prescience, bold, aggressive, and stern in the advocacy of whatever he considered right, and denouncing what seemed to him wrong; a man of broad and tender sympathies, large-hearted, charitable, and a friend indeed to those who possessed his confidence; possessing all these qualities, his influence as a presiding officer was felt with power. When he urged a measure, his earnestness compelled attention, and that gained, his clear and terse logic brought conviction. On more than one occasion—notably the last—the League came together with warring elements which threatened disruption, only to be brought into perfect accord before adjourning. His death will be a blow to the game, and it will be an extremely difficult, if not an impossible matter, to fill his place.”

[Chicago Tribune, April 11.]

“His great force of character, strong will, marked executive ability, unerring judgment of men and measures, and strict integrity and fairness, were of incalculable value to the League, and he was rightly considered to be the brains and backbone of that organization. In him the game of base ball had the most useful friend and protector it has ever had; and in his death the popular pastime suffers a loss the importance of which cannot easily be exaggerated. There is not in America a player, club, officer, or patron of the game who will not feel that the loss is irreparable.”

[Cincinnati Enquirer, April 11.]

“The national pastime yesterday afternoon lost its greatest light and brightest mind by the death of William A. Hulbert, President of the League. No man had done as much to elevate and foster the game as had he. Its wise legislation, strong system of discipline, commendable rules, in fact, everything that tended to promote it and to weed out all of its weak features, were due to his wonderful mental abilities. His whole soul was wrapped up in the organization of which he had been the prime organizer, and he studied week in and week out the best ideas to further enhance the attractiveness of the sport, and make it pure and unalloyed.”

These are but a few of the many tributes to his memory, but they will serve to show the character of Mr. Hulbert, and the estimation in which he was held. His estimable widow and manly son, who alone have suffered by his death a loss more irreparable than that inflicted upon the national game, have found much consolation in the collection and compilation of hundreds of such tributes from leading journals, from prominent supporters of the game, and from personal friends, which the writer of this has seen, and which fill a large volume.

The funeral services were unusually impressive and appropriate. The parlors of the family residence were

thronged with prominent citizens, and the national game was represented by Presidents of League clubs and all the members of the Chicago nine, while beautiful and fitting floral tributes from all parts of the country attested the respect and sympathy of many absent friends and admirers.

The mortal remains of W. A. Hulbert lie in the most beautiful part of Graceland Cemetery, and, in addition to the monument erected by his family, the National League have appropriately marked his last resting place by a granite monument bearing the name of every League club, and typical of the national game which he loved and served so well.



INTRODUCTION.

The American national game of base ball has become the only public sport which can attract crowds of thousands of people to witness its exciting contests without the extrinsic aid of betting. At horse races, athletic contests and nearly every other public sport in vogue, if the pool-selling and book-making of the gambling fraternity are prevented—especially on the running or trotting courses, or at the great pedestrian matches—nearly all the attraction which draws most of the public patronage to such sports is removed. This fact was strikingly illustrated in New York during the past season of 1882; for at the Jerome Park races last summer, when an attempt was made to stop the book-making and public betting the attendance dwindled down to a few hundred, while, with the betting in operation, the attendance reached five or six thousand a day. It was the same at the international pedestrian contest at Madison Square Garden in New York last fall, the prevention of the pool-gambling feature making the meeting a financial failure. At the professional base ball matches for championship honors, however, on League Club Grounds—where pool-selling and all forms of open public betting are prohibited—thousands of spectators are attracted to the grounds solely by the excitement of the sport itself. This is a peculiarity of our national game which fully proves its intrinsic merits.

What can present a more attractive picture to the lover of out-door sports than the scene presented at a base ball match between two trained professional teams competing for championship honors, in which every point of play is so well looked after in the field that it is only by some extra display of skill at the bat, or a lucky act of base-running at an opportune moment, that a single run is obtained in a full nine innings game? To watch the progress of a contest in which only one run is required to secure an important lead, and while the game is in such a position to see hit after hit made to the field, either in the form of high fly balls splendidly caught on the run by some active out-fielder, or a sharp ground hit beautifully picked up in the in-field, and swiftly and accurately thrown to the right baseman in time, is to see the perfection of base ball fielding, and that surpasses the fielding of every other known game of ball. Then there is the intense excitement incident to a contest in which one side is endeavoring to escape a "whitewash," while the other side as eagerly strives to retain their lead of a

single run; and with the game in such position a three base hit sends the runner to third base before a single hand is out, only to see the hit left unrewarded by the expected run, owing to the telling effect of the strategic pitching and the splendid field support given it. Add to this the other excitement of a high hit over the out-fielder's head, made while two or three of the bases are occupied, with the result of a tie score or the securing of a lead at a critical point of the game, and a culmination of attractive features is reached, incidental to no other field game. When it is considered, too, that the pursuit of base ball is that of a healthy, recreative exercise, alike for the mind and body, suitable to all classes of the community, and to the adult as well as the mere boy, there can be no longer room for surprise that such a game should reach the unprecedented popularity that the American game of base ball has done.

THE LEAGUE SEASON OF 1882.

The professional base ball season of 1882 was the most noteworthy ever known in the annals of the game, more professional club teams taking part in the season's work than ever before recorded, besides which, the financial success attendant upon the season's contests of the large majority of the clubs, was unprecedented. In the field, too, the general character of the play in the four departments of the game, *viz.* Pitching, batting, fielding and base running, was in advance of any previous season's work, and another forward step toward the eventual point of perfect play. There was one drawback, however, to the complete success of the field exhibitions of the season, and that was the unusual amount of disputing over alleged partial decisions by the Umpires, an evil technically known as "kicking." Season after season have efforts been made by the existing professional associations to perfect the rules governing Umpires, and to improve their position; for on good Umpires and correct umpiring depends the very existence of professional playing. Good umpiring is an essential in amateur playing, where the object in view is merely enjoyable recreation and healthy field exercise; but among the professional class, integrity of character, sound judgment, and thorough impartiality as essentials in Umpires and umpiring, is a vital necessity of the game, and the basis of its very existence. This fact has been forcibly presented to the officials of the League by each season's growing experience; and at last it would seem as if they had hit upon the correct plan for perfecting the Umpire's position and duties by appointing a staff of four League Umpires, with sufficient salaries to secure good men. But howsoever perfect any system of rules governing the selection of Umpires may

be, no reform of past abuses connected with the position will be possible so long as any form of the evil of "kicking" is allowed to exist. That players of a team should be allowed to dispute decisions of an Umpire is a reflection on the competency alike of the Field Captain and the Club Manager of the team. Disputing an Umpire's decision can in no way lead to any advantage to the side in fault, while it is equally certain to have the very reverse effect. There is but one single occasion in a match game in which there is the least excuse for objecting to the Umpire's dictum in deciding a disputed point; and that is in the case of a palpable misinterpretation of a rule of play, and then the Captain of the nine, affected adversely by the decision, should alone have a word to say in remonstrance. But in all decisions marked by errors of judgment, but one rule should be permitted to prevail, and that one should be silent acquiescence, alike in word and action, in every such decision rendered. Until this rule is strictly enforced by effective penalties, the best men possible may be selected for the position with the result of but slight improvement in the working of the system.

The League Season of 1882 was practically inaugurated in April, by the series of lively and interesting games which were played with the clubs of the newly organized American Base Ball Association. These games, played chiefly in the West, and those with the two League Alliance Clubs in the East, proved to be advantageous to the clubs of both organizations, not only in a pecuniary point of view, but in giving to the club teams needed preliminary field practice, by which some of their strong and weak points were developed before their championship contests were commenced. Almost without exception the better organized teams of the League were victorious over the newly selected nines of the American clubs.

The League championship season opened, as hitherto, on the first of May, and by the end of the month a position in the championship campaign had been reached which gave promise of a very exciting season's sport. At the end of the first week in May the Providence team led in the pennant race, Detroit being second, and Buffalo third. By the end of the month Providence still occupied their position in the van, with Detroit a close second; but Troy had driven Buffalo from third place, while Buffalo occupied fourth position, with Boston fifth, and Chicago sixth, Cleveland being seventh, and Worcester last. By the end of June, while Providence was still in the van, with Detroit side by side with them, Chicago had pulled up to third place, and Boston to fourth, Troy having retired to fifth position, with Cleveland standing sixth, while Buffalo had been sent down almost to the foot of the class, Worcester still being in the "last ditch." During July Chicago went to the front, and with

Providence a close second and Detroit in third place, the race began to be very interesting. More than half of the campaign was now over, and the relative position of the clubs counting the three months' games, was as follows:

CLUBS.	GAMES WON.	GAMES LOST.	GAMES PLAYED.
Chicago.....	33	20	53
Providence.....	33	21	54
Detroit.....	31	23	54
Boston.....	28	26	54
Cleveland.....	26	27	53
Buffalo.....	25	27	52
Troy.....	25	28	53
Worcester.....	12	41	53

August saw quite a change in the relative position of the contesting teams in the pennant race, it being a bad month for Chicago, as they lost more games than they won, as did Detroit; in fact, Providence, Boston, Cleveland and Buffalo were the only clubs which won a majority of the games they played in August. By the first week in September Providence was in the van by very promising figures, they leading Chicago in victories by 44 to 40, Boston being close to Chicago with a total of 39 victories. This left the race in a very interesting position, and the September games became very attractive. By the tenth of September Providence led Chicago by 47 victories to 43, and the Eastern club was looked upon as the coming champions. By the 17th of September, however, quite a change in the position of the teams had been made, Chicago had rallied in fine style, while Providence had been severely checked in their progress toward the goal, the record standing at 47 to 47 in victories, while Chicago had two less defeats charged to them; Buffalo, too, had displaced Boston for third place. The next week Providence rallied successfully and got up to even figures with Chicago in victories—50 to 50—but had to stand second owing to having one more defeat charged to them. The last week in September, however, saw Chicago win the pennant by their victories over Buffalo, the finish leaving the full record as follows:

The first table presents the figures of the games won, lost and played each month of the season, from May 1st to October 1st, inclusive:

	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			TOTAL.		
	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.
Chicago.....	9	9	18	12	6	18	12	5	17	6	7	13	16	2	18	55	29	84
Providence.....	13	6	19	9	8	17	12	7	19	9	4	13	9	6	15	52	31	83
Buffalo.....	9	9	18	7	10	17	10	8	18	8	5	13	11	7	18	45	39	84
Boston.....	9	11	20	11	7	18	9	8	17	9	4	13	6	9	15	44	38	83
Detroit.....	12	6	18	11	7	18	8	10	18	4	9	13	7	9	16	42	41	83
Cleveland.....	7	12	19	10	8	18	9	8	17	10	4	14	6	8	14	42	40	82
Troy.....	11	10	21	7	9	16	7	10	17	5	8	14	5	11	16	35	48	83
Worcester.....	6	13	19	3	15	18	3	14	17	2	12	14	4	12	16	18	66	84
	76	76		70	70		70	70		53	53		61	64		333	333	

The above table presents some very interesting figures in showing when the different contestants "spurred" in the race, when they fell off, and when they rallied again. It will be seen that Providence won more games than they lost each month of the season; while in one month—August—Chicago lost more games than they won, as did Buffalo in June, and Boston in May and September; while Detroit lost more games than they won in the last three months' play of the season. Cleveland won more games than they lost, in June, July and August, having started badly and finished poorly. Troy made a dash in May, and then lost more games than they won in each month following. In the case of Worcester, however, it was defeat all the way through. The record of games won by each club with every other club, as also the figures of the series of games won lost and tied, is as follows:

	CHICAGO	PROVIDENCE	BUFFALO	BOSTON	DETROIT	CLEVELAND	TROY	WORCESTER	WON	PLAYED	DRAWN	SERIES WON	SERIES LOST	SERIES TIED
Chicago.....	..	8	6	6	8	9	9	9	55	84	0	5	0	2
Providence.....	4	..	6	6	9	8	9	10	53	84	0	4	1	2
Buffalo.....	6	6	..	5	5	6	6	11	45	84	0	1	2	4
Boston.....	6	6	7	..	8	7	4	7	45	84	1	4	1	2
Detroit.....	4	3	7	4	..	7	8	9	42	83	3	4	3	0
Cleveland.....	3	4	6	5	4	..	9	11	42	82	2	2	4	1
Troy.....	3	3	6	8	4	2	..	9	35	83	2	2	4	1
Worcester.....	3	2	1	..	3	1	3	..	18	84	0	0	7	0
Games lost.....	29	32	39	39	41	40	48	66	334					

In order to compare the record of 1882 with that of 1881, we give below the totals of the season of 1881.

CLUBS.	GAMES WON.	GAMES LOST.	GAMES PLAYED.	GAMES DRAWN.
Chicago.....	56	28	84	0
Providence.....	47	37	84	1
Buffalo.....	45	38	83	0
Detroit.....	41	43	84	0
Troy.....	39	45	84	1
Boston.....	38	45	83	0
Cleveland.....	36	48	84	1
Worcester ...	32	50	82	1

It will be seen that the Chicago team of 1882 won one less game than the team of 1881 did, and lost one more; while the Providence team of 1882 exceeded 1881's team by five victories, and had five less defeats. Buffalo's team of 1882 tied that of 1881 in victories, but lost one more game, while Detroit and Cleveland's teams of 1882 excelled their 1881 record, Troy and Worcester falling behind their 1881 record considerably.

As between the four clubs of the West and the four of the East, the West won "by a large majority," as will be seen by the appended score.

	..... BOSTON	.. PROVIDENCE	..... TROY	.. WORCESTER	.. GAMES WON		..... CHICAGO	.. CLEVELAND	..... BUFFALO	..... DETROIT	.. GAMES WON
Chicago.....	6	8	9	9	32	Boston	6	7	7	8	28
Cleveland.....	5	4	9	11	29	Providence.....	4	8	6	9	27
Buffalo.....	5	6	6	11	28	Troy.....	3	2	6	4	15
Detroit.....	4	3	8	9	24	Worcester	3	1	1	3	8
Lost	20	21	32	40	113	Lost ..	16	18	20	24	78

To show how the clubs played with each other, we present the record of the games West vs. West and East vs. East, as follows:

	..... CHICAGO	..... DETROIT	..... BUFFALO	.. CLEVELAND	.. GAMES WON		PROVIDENCE	..... TROY	..... BOSTON	..... WORCESTER	.. GAMES WON
Chicago.....	..	8	6	9	23	Providence .....	..	9	6	10	25
Detroit.....	4	..	7	8	19	Troy.....	3	..	8	9	20
Buffalo.....	6	5	..	6	17	Boston	6	4	..	7	17
Cleveland	3	3	6	..	12	Worcester	2	3	5	..	10
Lost.....	13	16	19	23	71	Lost	11	16	19	26	72

It will be seen that the Chicago Club found its old time Boston rival the hardest to defeat, and Providence weakened most when facing Chicago. At home, Chicago won their fewest games with Buffalo, while Providence found the Bostons the hardest to beat on their own grounds. The statistics of the season's work shows that Chicago won the championship by defeating Providence eight out of twelve games. Had Providence won half of their games with Chicago, they would have won the championship of 1882 by one game.

THE FIELDING OF 1882.

The most attractive feature of base ball is skillful fielding, and the exhibition of fielding of 1882 in the professional arena surpassed that of any previous season known in the history of the game. Not only was the catching superior to any ever before known behind the bat, but the in-fielding was marked by some

of the finest displays of skill in handling the ball from the bat ever witnessed on a ball field; while brilliant catches on the out-field were the rule rather than the exception. The pick-ups of hard hit ground balls; the swift and accurate throwing to bases, and the remarkable play exhibited at the bases, not to mention the finely-judged catches, and the playing of in-field points when base runners were stealing bases, combined to make the exhibitions on the diamond at times phenomenal. The gradual improvement in the fielding department of base ball each season for the past ten years has almost brought fielding to the point of perfection. In fact, it would be difficult to imagine superior play in the field than that which marked some of the model games in the league arena in 1882. While fielding and base running have improved season after season, comparatively little advance has been made in batting skill within the past decade. This is largely due to the fact that the science of pitching has continually developed in a remarkable degree, while the gradual removal of restrictions as to the manner of delivering the ball has increased the pitcher's latitude, and rendered sure and safe hitting more and more difficult. Special skill in home positions has come to be an essential of success in fielding. Now and then a "general utility" man is found who can play nearly every position well, but what is wanted in a team are players who are only at home in one position, that is, either as pitchers, catchers, base players, short fielders, or out fielders. Two classes of catchers are required in base ball now, according to the peculiar play of the pitcher. If the pitcher is a smart strategist, then all that is wanted in the catcher is a player who can stop balls well and throw accurately and swiftly to the bases; but if the pitcher is a mere machine in the position, then a first-class head-work catcher is necessary. It is very seldom that two strategists can work in a "battery" well together, as one wants to boss the other as a general rule. In-fielders should be men who can do team work together in playing the points, or their play will not be fully effective. A second baseman now has to play right short as well as his own position; and the short fielder should also be a good second baseman. Third basemen have special work of their own to do, and it is the most difficult of any in the in-field. The right field is the most important of the three out-field positions, as he has to cover the most exposed portion of the field. On the left of the batsman are the third baseman, short fielder and left fielder. At center there is the pitcher, second baseman, and center fielder. To the right, however, there is only the first baseman and the right fielder. The positions in the in-field vary according to the base running, and where the runners happen to be. The positions in the out field change according to the character of the batting and the directions of the pitcher, the latter of whom

should be captain of the field as far as the demands of the pitching extend. That is, he should be allowed to place his field as he likes. Team work is the great requisite of in-field play, as opposed to the picked nine style of fielding, in which players go in chiefly for their record. Too many errors were unjustly charged to fielders in 1882, especially to in-fielders. Impossible stops, pick-ups and catches were expected too frequently. Only palpable muffs and blundering fielding should be charged on the error list.

BASE RUNNING IN 1882.

There was a marked improvement shown in the base running of 1882 in the League arena, and now that club officials have realized by practical experience, the value of sharp base running as one of the most important elements of success in a team—the fact having been very plainly shown by the success of the Chicago team during the past three seasons—more attention will be given to base running in the selection of players in the future. There is one important fact to be taken into consideration in the matter of selecting men for teams on the basis of their special skill in the three departments of the game, in batting, fielding and base running, and that item is, that a greater degree of intelligence is required in the player who would excel in base running than is needed either in fielding or in batting. Any soft-brained heavy weight can occasionally hit a ball for a home run, but it requires a shrewd, intelligent player, with his wits about him, to make a successful base runner. Indeed, base running is the most difficult work a player has to do in the game. To cover in-field positions in the field properly, a degree of intelligence in the players is required which the majority do not as a general rule possess, but to excel in base running such mental qualifications are required as only the minority are found to possess. Presence of mind; prompt action on the spur of the moment; quickness of perception, and coolness and nerve, are among the requisites of a successful base runner. Players habitually accustomed to hesitate to do this, that or the other, in attending to the varied points of a game, can never become good base runners. There is so little time allowed to judge of the situation that prompt action becomes a necessity with the base runner. He must "hurry up" all the time. Then, too, he must be daring in taking risks while at the same time avoiding recklessness in his running. Though fast running is an important aid in base running, a fast runner who lacks judgment, coolness, and, in fact, "headwork" in his running, will not equal a poor runner who possesses the nerve and intelli-

gence required for the work. The great point in the art of base running is to know when to start, and to start promptly when the favorable opportunity is offered. One difficulty a base runner, trying to steal to second, invariably encounters, is his having to watch either the pitcher or catcher closely. He cannot watch both carefully, and therefore he must make his selection as to which player he will look after. If the catcher is an accurate and swift thrower to the bases, he is the man to be attended to. But if the pitcher is one who has a method of delivery which includes a number of special movements which occupy more than the ordinary time in delivering the ball, then he is the man to watch, for he will surely afford the runner the required opportunity to steal a base or secure a balk, if the runner only plays his part properly. A sharp base runner can bother a pitcher exceedingly by skillful dodging. It requires no small amount of nerve and coolness for a pitcher to watch a runner closely, and yet to play the strategical points of his pitching with full effect. A good runner need not trouble himself about a pitcher who indulges in frequent throws to first or second bases, for none but very poor runners can be caught napping, that way. To "take ground" is something a good runner always does, and that too, without risk, provided he always keeps on the alert for a quick motion. Sliding in and dodging under a base player's arm are points of a sharp base runner's play. But this depends upon how the ball is thrown to the base. If high, then sliding is useful, if low, it is risky. Fine base running was shown by Kelly, and Williamson, of the Chicago team, and by Ward, of the Providence team last season, as also by Esterbrook and Reilly, of the Metropolitan, and others. This season more attention has been paid to securing good base runners, in the League teams, and better work will be done in this department of the game in 1883 than ever before.

THE LEAGUE PITCHING OF 1882.

Eighteen pitchers took part in the League championship contests of 1882, fourteen playing in twenty-five games, and over, and the other four in not less than ten games. Of those who played in a majority of the games played, Corcoran, of the Chicago club, bore off the palm for the most skillful delivery of the ball, he having the smallest percentage of earned runs charged against him, the only true criterion of skillful pitching. Radbourne, of the Providence Club, stands second, and Ward, of the same club, third, while Richmond, of the Worcesters, is the last on the list. In 1881 McCormick took the lead in the season's pitching, Ward being second, and Derby third, Richmond then leading Corcoran. But Richmond

did not play in 1882 up to the mark he is capable of reaching. The support given the League pitchers in 1882 was very unequal in many instances, and this drawback told most against the record of the strategic class of pitchers; for those who go in chiefly for pace and the curve as their most effective assistants in pitching, seldom trouble the fielders much, as they only want a catcher strong enough to stand the pressure of their swift and wild delivery. But in strategic pitching, sharp support in all parts of the field is an essential, and this was not at command in more than one or two of the league teams throughout the season, and even with the best was not up to the required mark in a majority of the games played. The experience of each season's play in the League arena only points out more and more the importance of strategic play or "headwork" in pitching as the great essential of success in the art. Mere speed and the curve combined may be effective against weak batsmen, who know nothing of strategy in handling the ash; but both are secondary in importance to headwork play in pitching. The old plan of sending in swiftly curved balls to the bat without any other idea in the delivery than that of pace and the curve, has seen its best day. No pitcher of intelligence follows this plan any more as a general rule in his pitching. Of course if he finds a batsman, who can be intimidated by the pace of the ball, he will send them in fast, as speed then becomes a point to play. But strategy is the great objective point of skilful pitching in the present advanced style of professional ball playing.

THE LEAGUE BATTING OF 1882.

There was but little improvement shown on the batting of 1882, over that of the previous season. Out of the first nine men who lead in the averages at the bat three are from the Chicago team, viz. Anson, Gore, and Kelly; two being from Boston, two from Providence, and one each from Buffalo and Troy.

Were a team to be selected from those who lead the batting of 1882 four would be first basemen, and the other five out fielders. The champion batter of 1882 is Dan Brrouthers, first baseman of the Buffalo teams of 1881-82, and retained for the same position in the team of 1883. He was born at Sylvan Lake, N. Y., is 24 years of age, six feet two inches in height, and weighs 200 pounds. The annexed cut represents him as facing the pitcher, his bat poised in an almost vertical position. The attitude will be at once recognized as perfectly natural. Standing a moderate distance from the plate, he greets the pitcher with a smile, which means, "I'm ready for you." He



DAN BROUTHERS,
CHAMPION BATTER, 1882,

is a long, hard hitter, seldom goes out on strikes, and not apt to hit many fouls. To use his own words, "When a good ball comes along I let out for it with varying success, but when by lucky chance I get in on one, it goes." And it certainly "goes," as the outfielders of the opposing teams can testify. When at bat Brouthers stands perfectly straight, but bends slightly forward when in the act of striking at a ball. He has a bat used only by himself, and though larger than the ordinary bat it looks small in his hands. Brouthers also stands at the head of League first-basemen in fielding for 1882, his official fielding average being 974. He played in every League game in 1882, went to bat 351 times, made 71 runs and 129 base hits, his batting average being 367.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS OF THE LEAGUE.

We append some of the most important constitutional laws of the League bearing upon the responsibilities assumed by the clubs, their umpires, managers, and players. Section 32 reads as follows:

"Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players, or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That all club regulations must be made subordinate to and in conformity with the general regulations established by this League, and no club shall prescribe any rule or regulation in conflict with any provision of this Constitution or the Playing Rules."

SEC. 33 reads: "Club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of four miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—not even with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located."

SEC. 34 reads: "Any agreement between a club and a manager or player for services by the manager or player, and compensation therefor by the club, must be executed in the form

of contract adopted by the League, and no player not under such contract shall be eligible to play in a League game, except that in case a player shall meet with an accident, or be expelled by his club, any player who is not otherwise disqualified, under the provisions of this Constitution, may take the place of such expelled or injured player ; but such player shall not be eligible to play for more than five championship games in the nine of such club, without the contract and notice thereof required by this section."

SEC. 36 reads : "Any player while under contract with a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, agree to enter the service of any other club after the expiration of such contract, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club."

SEC. 37 reads : "A manager or player who has been released from his contract, without suspension or expulsion, may engage with any other club, twenty days from the date of the reception by the Secretary of the notice of such release."

SEC. 39 reads : "No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, or suspended by the League under the provisions of Section 16 of this Constitution, shall, at any time thereafter, be allowed to play with or serve any League club, either the one expelling him or any other, unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to the Board, such suspension or expulsion shall have been set aside."

SEC. 41 reads : "No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension, from the League. Nor shall any League club play any club that has, at any time during the same playing season, played a game of ball with any other club employing or presenting in its nine any player expelled or suspended from the League: *Provided:* That in case the club employing such expelled or suspended League player shall discharge such player from its service, League clubs may thereafter play against such club, and against other clubs that may have played such club while employing such player."

SEC. 44 reads : "Any person under contract with a League club, who shall be guilty of drunkenness, gambling in any form, insubordination, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct, except the offenses requiring expulsion, specified in section 42; may be suspended by such club for the remainder of the playing season, or for the remainder of that and all of the ensuing playing season, at the option of such club; and during the period of said suspension, such person shall be disqualified from playing in or against, or serving any League club."

In regard to League Alliance clubs the following sections are important:

SEC. 50. No League Club shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any League Alliance Club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the contracting club and the player; nor any player expelled by a League Alliance club for breach of contract or other disreputable conduct.

SEC. 51. No League Alliance club shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any League club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, nor any player expelled or under suspension from the League.

SEC. 54. No game shall be played between any League club and non-League club in any city in which a League Alliance club is located, except with such League Alliance club.

In reference to forfeiture of membership of the League or its Alliance by any of its clubs, the most important rules are as follows:

By taking part in any game of ball on Sunday or allowing any game of ball to be played upon its grounds on Sunday, or failing to immediately expel any person under contract with it who shall, at any time during the term of his service, take part as umpire, player, or scorer, in any game of ball on Sunday.

By selling, or allowing to be sold, upon its grounds, or in any building owned or occupied by it, at any time during the championship season, any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors.

By allowing open betting, or pool selling, upon its grounds, or in any building owned or occupied by it.

By employing or presenting as umpire, manager or player, any person disqualified or ineligible under any provision of this Constitution.

By playing any game of ball with any club that is disqualified or ineligible under any provision of this Constitution.

By failing to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling.

In regard to playing non-League clubs the principal rules are as follows:

No game shall be played between League clubs before the commencement of the championship series.

No game shall be played between any League club and any non-League club, or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds; no game shall be arranged or played between any League and non-League clubs or picked nines, for or upon any "off days," of the championship

series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day, not counting Sunday, preceding the day agreed upon for such non-League or picked-nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

The non-League club, except League Alliance clubs, shall pay the League club, immediately upon the termination of play, without reference to the number of innings played, the sum of one hundred dollars, or one-half the gross receipts of such game, in case the gross receipts shall exceed two hundred dollars; and it is to be distinctly understood that the "gross receipts" include all revenue derived from the exhibition, whether taken at regular or carriage gates, or for admission to grounds, grand stands, or to other special privileges of the grounds; also, that the visiting club shall have sole control of all gates, and of all entrances to grand stands, or other special ground privileges for which extra fees are charged.

DEFINITIONS OF IMPORTANT RULES.

There are no two rules more important, as regards their correct definition, than Rules 33 and 34, describing fair and foul balls, and yet not one player out of six fully understands their true intent and meaning. With a view of familiarizing players with the official definition, we present below an extended explanation of each rule as it is interpreted by the League Secretary.

A *fair hit* is made when the batsman, while standing within the lines of his position, hits a ball which falls to the ground in front of the foul ball lines, extending from home base to and beyond first base, and from home base to and beyond third base. Should such a ball fall on the line of either of these foul lines it would still be a fair ball; to be foul it must fall to the ground back of the foul lines. If such a ball, too, should strike the person of a player standing on fair ground, the ball would also be a fair ball; or should it go from the bat so as to strike either the first or third bases, it would also be fair; and, lastly, should it strike any object located on fair ground it would still be a fair ball. This is the rule as applicable to all fair hit balls which are hit *up in the air*, and which either fall to the ground or are held by fielders on the fly. But when a ball is batted directly to the ground and not in the air—a bound hit, for instance—a different rule prevails; as, in such case, it mat-

ters not whether the hit ball first strikes the ground fair or foul, so that it either bounds or rolls into fair ground, between home and first base or home and third base, afterward, except—note this exception—in such case it *first touches the person of a player*.

A *foul ball* is a ball hit by the batsman, while standing within the lines of his position, which falls to the ground behind the foul ball lines above referred to; or which strikes the person of a player standing on foul ground; or which falls on any other object located on foul ground; or which touches the batsman's person directly from the bat. This is the application of the rule to all foul balls hit in the air, and which are held by a fielder on the fly, or which fall to the ground untouched. But when a ball is hit direct from the bat to the ground it matters not—as in the case of a similarly hit fair ball—whether it first touches the ground fair or foul, provided it rolls or bounds on to foul ground between home and first base, or home and third base, without first touching the person of a player, this being the exception, and an important one, too. It will be seen that an important essential, bearing upon the definition of the two rules, is the difference between a ball hit in the air and a ball hit directly to the ground. The fly ball becomes fair or foul accordingly as it falls on fair or foul ground; while a bound ball—or ball hit direct to the ground—does not become fair or foul by the fact of its first striking fair or foul ground, but by the fact of its bounding or rolling to fair or foul ground after it first strikes the ground. Of course if the ball, before it stops in its course, first touches a player's person, then the rule ceases to operate in the same manner as it would if the ball had not been so touched.

The rule defining a *dead ball* is more clear, and it limits such balls to three classes. *First*, a pitched ball which strikes the batsman while he is standing within the lines of his position. *Second*, a pitched ball which strikes the batsman's bat without his striking at the ball. *Third*, a ball which strikes the Umpire before it passes the catcher. If it be a "passed" ball—a ball the catcher fails to stop or hold—and then hits the Umpire, it ceases to be a dead ball.

In regard to the pitcher making a "balk," it should be borne in mind that he can make a "balk" in three different ways. *First*, by making *any one of the motions* he is regularly accustomed to making while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, and then failing to promptly deliver the ball. *Second*, if he hold the ball so long while in his position, and while the batsman is waiting ready to strike at the ball, as to unnecessarily delay the game. *Third*, if he deliver the ball to the bat when any part of his person is on the ground outside of the lines of his position.

The catcher should bear in mind that the moment a batsman becomes a base runner, after three strikes have been called, or seven balls, or after making a fair hit, he must *run* to first base. If he does not so run the Umpire must decide him out at once, there being no necessity for the catcher in such case either to touch the batsman or runner with the ball, or to throw the ball to first base to put him out as a runner.

The rules providing penalties for base runners obstructing fielders are now plainly defined. If a fielder runs to a point in the field on the pathway between any two of the bases in order to catch a fly ball, the base runner in such case has no right to the said pathway, but he must run on one side or the other so as to avoid obstructing the fielder in his effort to catch the ball. If the runner fails to avoid the fielder under such circumstances, the Umpire must decide him out at once. Or if a fielder occupy the said pathway in order to field a batted ball, whether to catch a fly ball, or to pick up or stop a ground ball, the base runner is obliged to run on one side of and out of the way of the fielder, or he must be promptly decided out. In case two fielders, however, go after a ball, and the base-runner, in avoiding the fielder who is nearest the ball, or has the best chance to field it, comes in contact with the other fielder, such contact shall not be regarded as an obstruction, as it would be in the case of his colliding with the fielder trying to catch or field the ball.

There is one plain rule of play which the Umpires of 1882, almost without exception, violated regularly in rendering decisions on the play in question, and that is in regard to outs at first base. The rule—section 5 of rule 51—says:

“If, after three Strikes have been called, or a Fair Hit has been made, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.”

It will be seen by the wording of the rule that the ball must be held by the base player “*before*” the runner touches the base, or the latter is not out. If the ball be held at the same moment that the runner touches the base, the Umpire must decide the runner not out. It must be plainly evident to the Umpire that the ball was held *before* the base was touched, or he cannot legally decide the runner out.

In regard to the definition of the words “momentarily held” as applicable to the catching of the ball, it should be understood that a catch is legitimately made when the fielder catching it has a fair opportunity afforded him for making the catch, and purposely fails to hold the ball after stopping it with his hands. In playing the point of refusing to accept a chance for a catch in order to make a double play, the only method officially regarded as legal is to allow the ball to fall to the ground

and then to catch it on the bound, or to pick it up at once. If an easy chance is offered to make the catch, and the ball is allowed to drop from the hands of the fielder, the Umpire should regard such stopped ball as "momentarily held," and decide the striker out on the catch.

THE NEW PLAYING RULES FOR 1883.

Some important changes were made in the playing rules at the December convention of 1882, bearing upon the season's playing of 1883, the most prominent being the repeal of the rule allowing the foul bound catch. This will help the batting by reducing the chances for putting batsmen out. It is quite sufficient that foul balls be caught on the fly, without doubling the penalty by allowing the bound catch of such balls. Under the new rules the fly game in its entirety is now the rule of play, and by no other form of catch can a batsman now be put out. Another important change in the rules was that giving full liberty to the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat either by a pitch, a toss, a jerk, or any form of throwing except that of the overhand throw. The amended rule governing the delivery of the ball to the bat allows of any movement of the arm, in swinging the hand forward, which is below the line of the shoulder. Before making the forward swing of the arm, the hand can be raised as high as the pitcher chooses; but when the arm is swung forward the hand holding the ball must pass below the line of the pitcher's shoulder, or foul balks are to be called, and three of such balks forfeits the game. The new rule simply legalizes the high delivery of the past season, which violation of the existing rule of last season was indulged in with impunity. In regard to the official definitions of sundry rules which last season were interpreted differently by different Umpires, it was decided that in the case of a striker, failing to run to first base after three strikes have been called, that such failure to run puts him out, and thereby all runners, who would otherwise be forced to vacate their bases by the action of the striker in running to first base after three strikes, cease to be so forced to vacate bases the moment the striker fails to run to first base. This puts a stop to the opportunity for making a triple play when all the bases are occupied by runners, and the striker has to run to first base after three strikes have been called. If he runs to first base, then the base runners are forced; but should he not run, the Umpire must decide him out at once, and then runners cease to be forced. In reference to the failure of base runners to run back to bases on foul balls not caught, it was decided that the official definition of the rule is that *it is optional with the runner to run back or not*. If he runs back to the base he is thereby

exempt from being put out in returning to the base he left on a foul ball not legally caught; but if he fails to *run* back then he can be put out in returning by being touched with the ball in the hands of the fielder, the same as in the case of returning on a fair catch. He cannot be decided out, however, for not running back in the case of a foul ball not caught, unless touched while off the base he has to return to.

In the case of a "block ball" it is to be understood that no "block" can be called on any ball delivered to the bat which passes the catcher, and is stopped by the crowd behind the bat. A block can only be called on a batted ball so stopped by the crowd, or on a ball thrown by a fielder to a base player which is similarly stopped.

Rule 60 says that whenever a "block" occurs—that is, when a ball is stopped by an outsider—the Umpire shall call "block ball," and on such block ball base-runners may run bases without being put out until the ball has been held by the pitcher while standing within the lines of his position.

The moment the ball is held by the pitcher, however, it becomes in play, and runners are then liable to be put out as in ordinary cases of base running.

THE TREATMENT OF UMPIRES.

One discreditable feature of the professional base ball campaign of 1882, as also of previous seasons, was the ill treatment umpires were subjected to by the class of club partisans and "heelers" who form a noisy minority of nearly every base ball assemblage of spectators at professional matches throughout the land. In many instances the abuse umpires were thus the recipients of, came from the neglect of club officials to strictly observe the League rules applicable to the position of umpire, and to give him the required protection. Then, too, incompetent captains of games gave their men a license in this matter of abuse which was in direct violation of the rules; besides which, they themselves too frequently set their players the bad example.

Spectators at ball matches, who all stand or sit in position, overlooking the field of play, different from that the umpire occupies, should bear in mind the important fact that the umpire cannot see a particular play from the same point of view they do. Moreover, they do not reflect that the umpire is the impartial judge of the play, and is not prejudiced in favor of this or that side, as the majority of spectators are.

But there is one thing in connection with the matter of the abuse of umpires by the crowd, and that is, the cowardly nature of a combined attack of hundreds on one man who occupies a defenceless position. This alone should deter every

lover of fair play in the crowd from joining with the roughs and the betting crowd in the abuse of the umpire, which decisions he renders adverse to their interests so frequently brings about. It is astonishing how one-sided the view of a point of play will be when taken by a man interested in a bet on the game. Black too frequently appears white to such an individual. The most injustice done to umpires occurs in the case of their judgment of strikes and called balls. An umpire while facing the swift curved delivery of the modern pitcher, has a very onerous duty to perform, and while sharply looking out to avoid being hit by some erratic ball or other, at the same time that he is called upon to judge whether a ball is an inch over the corner of the plate or not, or whether it is an inch or so below or above the waist of the bat man, must necessarily find himself at fault in his judgment in the double work he has to perform of judging of the direction of the ball at the same time that he has to look sharply to avoid severe personal injury. Manly lovers of fair play, in a crowd of spectators, will always back up the umpire, if only on the principle that he is one man fighting against a hundred. Fair play shown to an umpire by the crowd increase his chances for giving correct decisions tenfold; while abuse only adds to his errors.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

For the first time in the history of professional associations, outside of the League, the latest organization of the kind has gone through its inaugural season without a break in its schedule programme, and attended by a degree of financial success unprecedented in the history of non-League professional clubs. Hitherto the weakness of professional associations, organized as rivals of the League, has lain in the fact that their main objects were, either the aggrandizement of one club of the association at the cost of the remainder, or that some special point of self-interest was to be gained to the attainment of which the League had stood as a barrier. The old International Association was organized by a special class of club backers, in order that its clubs might be governed in the interests of an unscrupulous minority of club officials, without the restrictions on their "little games" to which they were subjected under League government; thereby opening the door to a season's extended experience of the old evil of "crooked play," "revolving," and other like abuses. The National Association, which followed the International, was an organization intended by the majority of the clubs composing it, simply to be a step-ladder to gain admittance to the League. Is it surprising that, in view of the experience of the seasons from 1878 to 1881, the League should have regarded the newly organized American Base Ball

Association of 1882 in the light of past occurrences in the running of rival professional associations? The League can have no just cause for opposing any new professional associations, the objects of which are plainly shown to be similar to those of its own constitution, such as to foster honest play and temperate habits in its rank and file; to improve the status of professional ball playing, and to add still further to the well deserved popularity of our national game. Now that the past season's experience has shown the new American Base Ball Association to be in the hands of men desirous of following up the policy of the League in these essentials of creditable success, the new organization will find the League ready to join hands with its members in putting a stop to all the evils and abuses of professional ball playing, which, in years gone by, nearly gave professionalism its death blow. The inaugural season of the American Association was marked by a series of the most attractive professional contests which ever took place outside of the League arena. The new clubs were greatly assisted in the financial success they achieved by the revival of the public confidence induced by the gradual establishment of honest professional play under the auspices of the National League. This, in fact, was the foundation of the success of the American clubs in their inaugural season. The new association was run under some rules, during its opening season, which materially interfered with the full success of its campaign; the rule of playing exhibition games by championship contestants, one with the other, during the championship season, proving to be a decided drawback. Experience has plainly shown that such games cost more, financially, in the loss of interest they occasion, than is gained by the gate money they yield. The League has found it vitally important that no clubs contesting in the championship arena, should play any exhibition game—except with outside clubs—during the entire championship season. Under this latter rule the public know what kind of match they are going to see; besides which no opportunity is afforded for the playing of "hippodrome" games, as is the case when championship clubs are allowed to play exhibition games with one another during the championship season.

The American championship campaign ended with the success of the Cincinnati club in winning the American Association pennant, and their success was largely due to the superiority of their team management over that of their competitors. The following is the official record of the inaugural season of the American Association, ending Oct. 1, 1882.

	CINCINNATI..	ATHLETIC....	ECLIPSE.....	ALLEGHENY..	ST. LOUIS.	BALTIMORE..	WON.....	LOST.....	DRAWN.....	PLAYED.....	PER CENT. OF VICTORIES.
Cincinnati.....	10	11	10	10	14	55	25	0	80	68	
Athletic.....	6	11	6	11	7	41	34	0	75	54	
Eclipse.....	5	5	10	9	13	42	38	0	80	52	
Allegheny.....	6	10	6	10	7	39	39	1	79	50	
St. Louis.....	6	5	7	6	13	37	43	0	80	46	
Baltimore.....	2	4	3	7	3	19	54	1	74	26	
Lost.....	25	34	38	39	43	54	233	233	2	234	

The rule of the Association gives the lead to the club having the highest percentage of victories instead of the club having the most won games, as in the League

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AVERAGES.

The following are the averages of the American Association Club players for their inaugural season of 1882. The first are the fielding averages of players in the nine positions of the game, beginning with the pitchers and ending with the right fielders. The pitching averages of the pitchers as fielders are necessarily incorrect, as not only is the record of assistance on strikes mixed up with actual fielding assistance, but also the assistance credited to the pitcher on outs on foul ball catches.

THE BATTERIES.

PITCHERS.	Games.	Per Ct.	PITCHERS.	Games.	Per Ct.
Hecker, Eclipse.....	12	1.000	McCormick, Cincinnati..	25	.965
White, Cincinnati.....	54	.976	Driscoll, Allegheny.....	20	.953
Arundel, Allegheny.....	13	.975	McGinniss, St. Louis....	46	.949
Salisbury, Allegheny....	35	.973	Sweeney, Athletic.....	21	.936
Weaver, Athletic.....	41	.972	Reccius, Eclipse.....	10	.923
Mullane, Eclipse.....	55	.971	Schappert, St. Louis....	14	.894
Geis, Baltimore.....	11	.969	Nichols, Baltimore.....	14	.873

CATCHERS.	Games.	Per Ct.	CATCHERS.	Games.	Per Ct.
Kemmler, Allegh'y & Cin	24	.926	Dorgan, Athletic.....	26	.875
O'Brien, Athletic.....	41	.923	Taylor, Allegheny.....	22	.868
Snyder, Cincinnati.....	70	.907	Crotty, Eclipse & St. L..	12	.854
Keenan, Allegheny.....	22	.899	Fusselbach, St. Louis...	19	.850
Strick, Eclipse.....	22	.887	T. Sullivan, St. Louis....	51	.847
D. Sullivan, Eclipse.....	53	.876	Whiting, Baltimore.....	72	.833

THE INFELDERS.

FIRST BASEMEN.	Games.	Per Ct.	FIRST BASEMEN.	Games.	Per Ct.
Lane, Allegheny.....	40	.977	Stearns, Cincinnati.....	34	.947
Latham, Athletic.....	72	.972	Taylor, Allegheny.....	23	.940
Comiskey, St. Louis....	77	.970	Mullane, Eclipse.....	12	.935
Householder, Baltimore.	72	.964	Luff, Cincinnati.....	27	.922
Hecker, Eclipse.....	65	.957	Wheeler, Cincinnati....	12	.890

SECOND BASEMEN.			SECOND BASEMEN.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
McPhee, Cincinnati.....	78	.921	Shetzline, Baltimore. ...	20	.868
Strief, Allegheny.....	73	.915	Mack, Eclipse.....	22	.850
Stricker, Athletic.....	72	.902	Pearce, Eclipse and Bal-		
Browning, Eclipse.....	40	.893	timore.....	46	.841
Smiley, St. Louis and					
Baltimore.....	72	.878			

THIRD BASEMEN.			THIRD BASEMEN.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
Battin, Allegheny.	28	.868	J. Gleason, St. Louis	73	.781
Carpenter, Cincinnati....	80	.838	Leary, Allegheny	31	.758
Shetzline, Baltimore.....	50	.836	Smith, Athletic.....	11	.755
Schenck, Eclipse.....	56	.817	Taylor, Allegheny.....	13	.746
Mann, Athletic.....	29	.800	Sullivan, Eclipse.....	10	.745
Browning, Eclipse.....	12	.797	Blakiston, Athletic.....	34	.745
Jacoby, Baltimore	19	.795			

SHORT FIELDERS.			SHORT FIELDERS.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
Mack, Eclipse.....	49	.905	Browning, Eclipse.....	17	.870
Fulmer, Cincinnati.....	79	.895	Say, Athletic.....	71	.869
Peters, Allegheny.....	72	.883	W. Gleason, St. Louis...	79	.843
Myers, Baltimore.....	69	.872			

OUT-FIELDERS.

LEFT FIELDERS.			LEFT FIELDERS.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
Summer, Cincinnati.....	80	.918	Birchall, Athletic.....	74	.853
Maskrey, Eclipse.....	76	.893	Mansell, Allegheny.....	73	.847
Wait, Baltimore	61	.858	Burt, Baltimore	70	.820
Cuthbert, St. Louis.....	60	.874			

CENTER FIELDERS.			CENTER FIELDERS.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
Macullar, Cincinnati....	79	.927	Nichols, Baltimore.....	13	.849
Richmond, Athletic	17	.917	Cline, Baltimore.....	38	.841
Lane, Allegheny....	11	.889	Mansell, Athletic.....	31	.803
Walker, St. Louis.....	75	.869	Swartwood, Alleghenv..	28	.786
Reccius, Eclipse.....	57	.852			

RIGHT FIELDERS.			RIGHT FIELDERS.		
Games.	Per Ct.		Games.	Per Ct.	
Blakiston, Athletic.. ...	34	.899	Brown, St. Louis.....	13	.800
Wolf, Eclipse.....	68	.887	Brown, Baltimore.....	42	.774
Wait, Baltimore	21	.886	Morgan, Allegheny.....	10	.765
McCaffrey, St. Louis....	18	.855	Stearns, Cincinnati.....	12	.706
Wheeler, Cincinnati.....	62	.836	Leary, Allegheny.....	16	.667
Swartwood, Allegheny..	42	.823	O'Brien, Athletic.....	14	.546

Goodman, who played first baseman for the Alleghenys in nine games had an average of .965. McCaffrey, who played second base in only nine games for the St. Louis, averaged .904, and as third basemen for the St. Louis club in six games his average was .744. Wolf, of the Eclipse, played in only seven games, with an average of .786. We notice that Smiley's average is a double one, his figures in the St. Louis and Baltimore clubs being combined, an incorrect method at best. Of the outfielders who played in less than ten games their averages are:

	Games.	Put Out.	Assists.	Errors.	Per Ct.
Fusselbach, St. Louis, l.....	6	9	0	2	.819
Seward, St. Louis, l. f.....	6	8	0	2	.800
O'Brien, Athletic, c. f.....	6	12	4	0	1.000
Taylor, Allegheny, c. f.....	6	10	0	0	1.000
Leary, Allegheny, c. f.....	5	7	0	0	1.000

	Games.	Put Out.	Assists.	Errors.	Per Ct.
Mullane, Eclipse. c. f.....	8	16	3	1	.950
Kienz'e, Athletic, c. f.....	9	15	0	3	.834
Landis, Athletic, c. f.....	9	16	3	4	.827
Strick, Eclipse. c. f.....	6	7	5	4	.750
Scharf, Baltimore, c. f.....	6	13	1	5	.741
Fusselbach, St. Louis, r. f.....	8	8	5	2	.867
Greenwood, Athletic, r. f.....	7	10	2	3	.800
Jacoby, Baltimore, r. f.....	9	7	6	5	.723
Reccius, Eclipse, r. f.....	8	13	2	4	.695
J. Gleason, St. Louis, r. f.....	5	3	1	2	.666
Powers, Cincinnati, c.....	8	40	10	4	.946
Critchley, Allegheny, p.....	5	2	21	1	.959
Dorr, St. Louis, p.....	8	4	57	3	.954
Mountain, Athletic, p.....	8	2	45	3	.940
Leary, Allegheny, p.....	6	3	33	3	.929

The batting averages of the players of the six clubs for 1882 who took part in ten games and over are as follows:

	Games.	Av.		Games.	Av.
Browning, Eclipse.....	69	.382	Macullar, Cincinnati.....	79	.232
Carpenter, Cincinnati....	86	.354	Morton, Alleg. and St. L.	32	.228
Swartwood, Allegheny....	71	.319	McGinnis, St. Louis.....	51	.226
Goodman, Allegheny.....	10	.316	Shetzline, Baltimore....	72	.236
O'Brien, Athletic.....	62	.304	Maskrey, Eclipse.....	76	.225
Stearns, Cincinnati.....	49	.302	Myers, Baltimore.....	69	.223
Leary, Alleg. and Balt..	59	.300	Pearce, Eclipse and Balt.	51	.223
Latham, Athletic.....	75	.300	Kemmler, Cin. and Alleg	26	.221
Wolf, Eclipse.....	78	.294	Say, Athletic.....	71	.221
Snyder, Cincinnati.....	72	.289	Stricker, Athletic.....	72	.220
Dorgan, Athletic.....	45	.287	Cuthbert, St. Louis.....	60	.219
W. Gleason, St. Louis....	70	.286	Fusselbach, St. Louis....	35	.219
Taylor, Allegheny.....	65	.286	McPhee, Cincinnati.....	78	.218
Brown, Baltimore.....	43	.285	Jacoby, Baltimore.....	31	.213
Hecker, Eclipse.....	78	.285	Powers, Cincinnati.....	15	.212
Sullivan, Eclipse.....	67	.284	Battin, Allegheny.....	28	.207
M. Mansell, Allegheny....	73	.284	Keenan, Allegheny.....	24	.206
Sommer, Cincinnati.....	80	.280	Streif, Allegheny.....	73	.202
Morgan, Allegheny.....	16	.279	Seward, St. Louis.....	38	.193
Peters, Allegheny.....	72	.278	Mack, Eclipse.....	72	.193
Fulmer, Cincinnati.....	79	.277	Arundel, Allegheny.....	14	.192
McCaffrey, St. Louis....	37	.268	Richmond, Athletic.....	17	.190
Whiting, Baltimore.....	73	.267	Smiley, St. L. and Balt..	74	.190
Schenck, Eclipse.....	59	.265	Brown, St. Louis.....	17	.186
White, Cincinnati.....	54	.264	Sullivan, St. Louis.....	51	.182
Burchall, Athletic.....	75	.263	Sweeney, Athletic.....	24	.175
J. Gleason, St. Louis....	78	.262	Schappert, St. Louis....	15	.173
J. Mansell, St. Louis....	31	.256	Lane, Allegheny.....	54	.167
Mullane, Eclipse.....	77	.255	Geis, Baltimore.....	12	.158
Wheeler, Cincinnati.....	75	.250	Landis, Ath. and Balt....	52	.158
Mann, Athletic.....	29	.246	Strick, Eclipse.....	33	.157
Comiskey, St. Louis....	78	.244	Waitt, Baltimore.....	72	.154
Householder, Baltimore.	75	.244	Nichols, Baltimore.....	27	.154
Scharf, Baltimore.....	10	.243	Salisbury, Allegheny....	35	.152
Blakiston, Athletic.....	72	.242	Driscoll, Allegheny.....	20	.149
Luff, Cincinnati.....	28	.241	Smith, Ath. and Eclipse.	22	.148
Weaver, Athletic.....	42	.240	McCormick, Cincinnati.	26	.129
J. Reccius, Eclipse.....	75	.240	Crotty, Eclipse and St. L.	13	.125
Walker, St. Louis.....	76	.233	Butt, Baltimore.....	10	.108
Cline, Baltimore.....	43	.233			

THE PITCHING AVERAGES

	No. of Games Pitched.	Average of Earned Runs.
Driscoll, Allegheny.....	21	.0228
White, Cincinnati.....	54	.0245
Mullane, Eclipse.....	53	.0307
McCormick, Cincinnati.....	25	.0321
Geis, Baltimore.....	11	.0375
Hecker, Eclipse.....	12	.0381
Schappert, St. Louis.....	14	.0389
Weaver, Athletic.....	41	.0421
Sweeney, Athletic.....	21	.0480
Nichols, Baltimore.....	14	.0481
McGinnis, St. Louis.....	45	.0502
Arundel, Allegheny.....	13	.0511
Landis, Athletic and Baltimore.....	43	.0530
Salisbury, Allegheny.....	39	.0534
Reccius, Eclipse.....	11	.0737

LEAGUE CLUBS versus AMERICAN.

The record of the brief campaign of April and October, 1882, between the League clubs and those of the American Association, are appended as a matter of record.

April 10, Detroit vs. Eclipse, at Louisville.....	4	to 3
April 11, Detroit vs. Eclipse, at Louisville.....	10	" 1
April 12, Detroit vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	10	" 7
April 12, Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	12	" 2
April 13, Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	11	" 7
April 13, Detroit vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	4	" 0
April 14, Detroit vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	7	" 6
April 14, Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	7	" 3
April 15, Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati ..	4	" 2
April 15, Detroit vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	7	" 6
April 15, Buffalo vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	17	" 2
April 17, Cleveland v . Cincinnati, at Cincinnati (11 innings).....	7	" 4
April 17, Buffalo vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	18	" 3
April 18, Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	29	" 9
April 21, Detroit vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	12	" 10
April 22, Detroit vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	11	" 5
April 24, Detroit vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati ..	7	" 2
April 25, Detroit vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	15	" 1
April 28, Providence vs. Athletic, at Providence.....	7	" 0
April 28, Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	19	" 5
April 29, Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	7	" 2
Oct. 4, Cincinnati v . Cleveland, at Cincinnati.....	5	" 2
Oct. 5, Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	8	" 0
Oct. 6, Cincinnati vs. Chicago, at Cincinnati.....	4	" 0
Oct. 7, Chicago vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	2	" 0

It will be seen that out of twenty-seven games played, the League teams only lost two games.

THE LEAGUE ALLIANCE SEASON.

Only two clubs entered for the League Alliance Championship in 1882, viz: The Metropolitan Club of New York, and the Philadelphia, of Philadelphia; the former winning the honors of the season, as will be seen by the appended record:

METROPOLITAN VICTORIES.

May 16.	Metropolitan	vs.	Philadelphia,	at Philadelphia	5—4
" 17.	"	vs.	"	at "	12—6
" 30.	"	vs.	"	at "	6—5
June 7.	"	vs.	"	at New York	13—0
" 9.	"	vs.	"	at "	7—1
" 23.	"	vs.	"	at "	7—2
" 26.	"	vs.	"	at Philadelphia (10 inn'gs).	3—2
July 1.	"	vs.	"	at "	5—1
" 6.	"	vs.	"	at New York	6—5
" 17.	"	vs.	"	at "	11—1
" 18.	"	vs.	"	at "	11—8
" 24.	"	vs.	"	at Philadelphia	2—1
" 26.	"	vs.	"	at "	8—6
" 29.	"	vs.	"	at New York	7—2

Total..... 103—44

Fourteen games won.

PHILADELPHIA VICTORIES.

May 8.	Philadelphia	vs.	Metropolitans,	at New York	8—5
" 27.	"	vs.	"	at Philadelphia	2—0
June 10.	"	vs.	"	at New York	5—0
" 12.	"	vs.	"	at "	12—5
" 22.	"	vs.	"	at "	13—6
July 28.	"	vs.	"	at "	5—0

Total..... 45—16

Six games won.

DRAWN GAMES.

June 24.	Metropolitan	vs.	Philadelphia,	at Philadelphia (15 innings)	2—2
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It will be seen that the majority of games were played in New York, in consequence of bad weather on Philadelphia schedule days. A supplementary series of exhibition games followed the championship contests, the result of which was the success of the Philadelphia team in six games by a total score of 59 runs; and the winning of six games by the Metropolitan club, by a total score of 58 runs, the Philadelphians taking the lead by a single run.

The record of the contests of 1882, between League clubs and the two League Alliance clubs, is as follows:

METROPOLITAN VICTORIES.

April 13.	Metropolitan	vs.	Providence	8—2
" 18.	"	vs.	Worcester	13—8
" 20.	"	vs.	Worcester	13—5

April 21.	Metropolitan	vs. Troy	11—10
" 27.	"	vs. Chicago	9—2
May 29.	"	vs. Chicago	2—0
June 3.	"	vs. Troy	8—3
" 5.	"	vs. Buffalo	2—1
" 16.	"	vs. Cleveland	7—3
" 17.	"	vs. Worcester	4—3
July 10.	"	vs. Troy	9—3
" 15.	"	vs. Worcester	6—2
" 21.	"	vs. Providence	6—5
" 22.	"	vs. Troy	10—9
" 31.	"	vs. Detroit	9—3
Aug. 1.	"	vs. Buffalo	4—2
" 3.	"	vs. Worcester	8—4
" 5.	"	vs. Troy	5—2
" 15.	"	vs. Cleveland	7—4
" 18.	"	vs. Chicago	4—2
" 21.	"	vs. Detroit	6—5
" 22.	"	vs. Buffalo	10—9
" 24.	"	vs. Troy	4—2
" 29.	"	vs. Providence	4—1
Sept. 20.	"	vs. Boston (10 innings)	3—2
" 27.	"	vs. Providence	6—3
Oct. 2.	"	vs. Chicago	6—5
" 9.	"	vs. Boston	7—1
" 13.	"	vs. Detroit	3—1

Total 144—102

Twenty-nine games won.

The defeats sustained by the Metropolitan Club in games with League clubs during 1882, were as follows:

METROPOLITAN DEFEATS.

April 12.	Providence	vs. Metropolitan	9—1
" 14.	Providence	vs. "	9—2
" 22.	Troy	vs. "	11—1
" 24.	Boston	vs. "	5—3
" 25.	Boston	vs. "	13—1
" 26.	Boston	vs. "	5—0
" 28.	Chicago	vs. "	6—4
" 29.	Chicago	vs. "	9—6
May 4.	Providence	vs. Metropolitan	9—0
" 9.	Troy	vs. "	15—10
" 19.	Boston	vs. "	10—4
June 1.	Chicago	vs. "	4—2
" 2.	Cleveland	vs. "	5—3
" 3.	Detroit	vs. "	4—3
" 13.	Detroit	vs. "	8—3
July 7.	Worcester	vs. "	17—5
" 8.	Providence	vs. "	8—6
" 14.	Boston	vs. "	7—4
" 19.	Worcester	vs. "	12—6
" 27.	Boston	vs. "	5—6
Aug. 4.	Boston	vs. "	12—7
" 7.	Cleveland	vs. "	13—9
" 8.	Providence	vs. "	7—2
" 11.	Cleveland	vs. "	8—7
" 12.	Troy	vs. "	3—2
" 14.	Cleveland	vs. "	11—5

Aug. 19.	Chicago	vs.	Metropolitan	2—1
" 23.	Providence	vs.	"	6—2
" 25.	Boston	vs.	"	6—4
" 26.	Boston	vs.	"	7—2
" 28.	Providence	vs.	"	8—2
" 30.	Buffalo	vs.	"	5—3
Sept. 26.	Providence	vs.	"	4—1
" 28.	Boston	vs.	"	6—0
Oct. 3.	Chicago	vs.	" (8 innings)	3—2
" 4.	Chicago	vs.	"	11—5
" 5.	Troy	vs.	"	8—2
" 10.	Boston	vs.	"	6—1
" 16.	Cleveland	vs.	"	3—0
" 18.	Cleveland	vs.	"	2—1
" 21.	Buffalo	vs.	"	7—4
" 27.	Providence	vs.	" (8 innings)	9—3
Total				318—135
Forty-two games lost.				

The record of drawn games with League teams were as follows:

Sept. 21.	Boston	vs.	Metropolitan (7 innings)	1—1
Oct. 14.	Detroit	vs.	" (11 innings)	3—3
" 20.	Buffalo	vs.	" (8 innings)	2—2
Total				6—6
Total games drawn 3.				

SUMMARY.

Metropolitan victories.....	29	games.....	194	102
" defeats	42	"	135	318
" drawn.....	3	"	6	6
Total runs				335 to 426
Total games played, 74.				

All the games were played on the Polo grounds, New York.

PHILADELPHIA VICTORIES.

April 29.	Philadelphia	vs.	Boston (10 innings).....	5—4
May 24.	"	vs.	Boston.....	10—9
June 5.	"	vs.	Worcester	4—3
Aug. 2.	"	vs.	Chicago (7 innings).....	13—0
" 3.	"	vs.	Detroit.....	1—2
" 7.	"	vs.	Providence.....	3—2
" 8.	"	vs.	Cleveland.....	7—3
" 12.	"	vs.	Detroit	5—4
" 18.	"	vs.	Troy.....	6—1
" 19.	"	vs.	Troy	8—6
" 22.	"	vs.	Cleveland.....	5—0
" 23.	"	vs.	Buffalo.....	5—3
" 26.	"	vs.	Detroit.....	7—6
" 29.	"	vs.	Buffalo ..	8—7
" 30.	"	vs.	Providence.....	10—8
Oct. 14.	"	vs.	Buffalo	5—4
Total runs.....				105—62
Sixteen games won.				

PHILADELPHIA DEFEATS.

April 8.	Providence vs. Philadelphia	3—0
" 11.	Providence vs. "	19—6
" 14.	Worcester vs. "	5—3
" 15.	Worcester vs. "	6—3
" 17.	Worcester vs. "	3—2
" 18.	Troy vs. "	11—5
" 19.	Providence vs. "	9—1
" 20.	Troy vs. "	5—5
" 24.	Chicago vs. "	4—1
" 25.	Chicago vs. "	8—1
" 26.	Chicago vs. "	(5 innings) 11—2
" 28.	Boston vs. "	(10 innings) 3—2
May 9.	Worcester vs. "	2—0
" 29.	Detroit vs. "	6—2
June 2.	Chicago vs. "	11—9
" 3.	Cleveland vs. "	5—3
" 8.	Boston vs. "	7—3
" 17.	Buffalo vs. "	9—5
" 18.	Buffalo vs. "	4—1
July 8.	Boston vs. "	9—7
" 10.	Providence vs. "	5—0
" 14.	Troy vs. "	5—3
" 15.	Troy vs. "	(10 innings) 6—5
" 21.	Boston vs. "	3—1
" 22.	Boston vs. "	6—3
Aug. 1.	Cleveland vs. "	16—9
" 5.	Buffalo vs. "	14—8
" 11.	Detroit vs. "	10—9
" 14.	Chicago vs. "	10—1
" 21.	Cleveland vs. "	6—0
" 25.	Detroit vs. "	5—0
" 28.	Buffalo vs. "	(8 innings) 6—0
Sept. 27.	Boston vs. "	4—1
" 28.	Providence vs. "	6—3
" 30.	Troy vs. "	4—2
Oct. 2.	Troy vs. "	8—2
" 3.	Troy vs. "	3—2
" 4.	Buffalo vs. "	10—6
" 5.	Buffalo vs. "	6—4
" 6.	Boston vs. Philadelphia	7—1
" 7.	Boston vs. "	7—4
" 10.	Detroit vs. "	13—9
" 13.	Cleveland vs. "	2—1
" 21.	Cleveland vs. "	6—2
Total runs.....		315—137

Forty-four games lost.

DRAWN GAMES.

April 10.	Boston vs. Philadelphia	12—12
Sept. 21.	Troy vs. "	(10 innings) 3—3
Oct. 9.	Detroit vs. "	(11 innings) 3—3
" 16.	Buffalo vs. "	(6 innings) 4—4
" 20.	Cleveland vs. "	(12 innings) 1—1
Total runs.....		23—23

Drawn games, 5.

SUMMARY.

Philadelphia victories.....	16	Total runs.....	105	62
“ defeats.....	44	“	137	315
“ drawn	5	“	23	23
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Total games.....	65	Total	265	400

The full record of the season of the Metropolitan Club for 1882, is as follows:

With League Clubs.....	Victories 29	Defeats 42	Drawn 3	Total 74
“ League Alliance Clubs.....	“ 20	“ 12	“	“ 33
“ Outside Clubs.....	“ 30	“ 2	“	“ 32
“ College Clubs.....	“ 17	“ 0	“	“ 17
“ American Clubs.....	“ 5	“ 1	“	“ 6
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Totals	101	57	4	162

The full record of the season of the Philadelphia Club for 1882, is as follows:

With League Clubs.....	Victories 16	Defeats 44	Drawn 5	Total 65
“ Outside Clubs.....	“ 44	“ 2	“ 0	“ 46
“ League Alliance Clubs.....	12	“ 20	“ 1	“ 33
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Totals.....	72	66	6	144

The two last games with outside clubs were those they played with the Yale and Princeton college nines.

THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

The formation of a compact, well-knit organization called the Northwestern Base Ball League is an event of interest and importance as illustrating the growing tendency in all sections toward placing the interests of the game under the protection of strong governing bodies. The Northwestern League, although formed on the plan of the National League, and thoroughly in harmony with the general policy of that organization, is in no sense a creation or even a *protege of the older institution. The new association is vigorous enough to take care of itself, although it has already recognized the wisdom of working on a mutual and reciprocal understanding with both the National League and the American Association. The first step toward the organization of the Northwestern League was taken at a meeting held in Chicago, Oct. 27, 1882, at which were present representatives of base ball clubs from Peoria, Springfield, and Quincy, Ill., Grand Rapids, Bay City, and East Saginaw, Mich., Toledo, O., and Fort Wayne, Ind. Permanent organization was effected, and the new League was made up from the thriving cities above named. The Directors of the Northwestern League were elected as follows: Toledo, W. F. Calburn; Grand Rapids, Elias Matter; Saginaw, John Rust; Peoria, V. H. Dumbek, Bay City, E. T. Bennett; Quincy, C. Overrocker; Fort

Wayne, Max Nerdlinger; Springfield, J. E. Seery. The election of officers then took place, with the following result: President, Elias Matter, Vice-President, V. H. Dumbeck. The Directors of the League met again in Fort Wayne, Dec. 6, and the organization was completed by the election of Mr S. G. Morton, of Chicago, as Secretary, at a salary of \$250 per annum. A telegram was sent to the National League, then in session at Providence, urging co-operative and reciprocal action in the respect to be paid to contracts with players. The colors of hose adopted by the different clubs were as follows: Peoria, red; Springfield, white; Toledo, blue; Fort Wayne, olive; Quincy, brown, East Saginaw, old gold; Grand Rapids, gray; Bay City, red and black.

The first annual meeting of the League was held in Chicago at the Tremont House, Jan. 10, 1883, delegates being present from all the clubs. The Port Huron, Mich., Club was admitted to membership in the League. A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees of the National League and the American Association, with a view to agreeing upon an amicable arrangement in the matter of contracts, penalties, etc. The constitution was adopted, but the playing rules were laid over until the March meeting, when the National League Playing Rules will probably be adopted. The Spalding League Ball was adopted for use in all contests under the rules of the Northwestern League. After the unanimous election of Elias Matter as President, and S. G. Morton as Secretary and Treasurer of the League, the meeting adjourned to re-assemble in Toledo, March 6.

The Constitution of the Northwestern League prohibits the playing of games on Sunday by any club or player in the League, and also prohibits the sale of liquors, and betting or pool selling on club grounds, and in its provisions generally is similar to the constitution of the National League.

OFFICERS AND PLAYERS OF THE NORTHWESTERN BASE BALL LEAGUE FOR 1883.

ELIAS MATTER, PRESIDENT, Grand Rapids, Mich.

SAMUEL G. MORTON, SECRETARY, 108 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

TOLEDO BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

M. J. ENRIGHT, *President.*

JNO. FARLEY, *Secretary.*

PLAYERS.

J. L. Parsons, Napoleon, O.

Chas. H. Morton, Akron, O.

H. F. Burkett, Findlay, O.

T. J. Poorman, Lock Haven, Conn.

Joseph Miller, Wheeling, W. Va.

S. R. Moffet, Wheeling, W. Va.

Jno. C. Tilley, New York City.

Moses F. Walker, Steubenville, O.

J. J. Piggott, New Bedford, Mass.

Chas. Ingraham, Chicago, Ill.

S. W. Barkley, Wheeling, W. Va.

QUINCY BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

WM. HADE, *President*. J. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.
CHAS. OVERROCKER, *Manager*

PLAYERS.

Jas. Casey, St. Louis, Mo.	Robt. Black, St. Louis, Mo.
Benj. Brady, St. Louis, Mo.	Jas. Davis, St. Louis, Mo.
B. Featherstone, Chicago, Ill.	Chas. Jones, New York City.
Dennis McGinley.	

PEORIA BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

J. S. STEVENS, *President*. CHAS. FLYNN, *Secretary and Manager*.

PLAYERS.

Jno. J. Horan, Chicago, Ill.	Jas. Drew, Chicago, Ill.
Edward Hogan, Chicago, Ill.	Geo. B. Pinkney, Peoria, Ill.
W. F. Krieg, Petersburg, Ill.	Jno. B. McSorley, Lincoln, Neb.

FORT WAYNE BASE BALL CLUB.

MAX NERDLINGER, *President*, W. W. ROCKHILL, *Secretary*.
JNO. REMSEN, *Manager*.

PLAYERS.

W. H. Kinzie, Chicago, Ill.	Byron E. Clarke, Chicago, Ill.
Wm. F. Yott, " "	Milt P. Scott " "
Wm. Geiss " "	E. Merrill " "
Jno. J. Remsen, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Sam Sowders, Indianapolis, Ind.
Moses Phillips, Alleghany City, Pa.	John A. Keirns, Indianapolis, Ind.

SPRINGFIELD BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

JAS. A. FLEMING, *President*. A. E. BENTLEY, *Secretary*.
C. J. FRICHTEL, *Manager*.

PLAYERS.

T. P. Sullivan, East St. Louis, Ill.	Wm. Calligan, East St. Louis, Ill.
Clarence Baldwin, East St. Louis, Ill.	R. L. Jones, Newton, O.
Ed. Stapleton, Springfield, Ill.	Jas. H. Manning, Fall River, Mass.
Thos. Gunning, Fall River, Mass.	C. F. Householder, Harrisburg, Pa.
E. Hengel, Kansas City, Mo.	Joseph Elick, Kansas City, Mo.

EAST SAGINAW BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

JNO. J. RUST, *President*. W. F. CLARKE, *Secretary and Treasurer*.
A. W. WHITNEY, *Manager*.

PLAYERS.

John G. Clarkson, Boston, Mass.	Thos. Foster, New York City.
Wm. Robinson, Natick, Mass.	Fred Nichols, Bridgeport, Ct.
W. H. Hawes, E. Saginaw, Mich.	O. R. Casey, Syracuse, N. Y.
M. McArthur, Corona, Mich.	John Mansall, Auburn, New York.
W. H. McGunnigle, Brockton, Mass.	

GRAND RAPIDS BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

ELIAS MATTER, *President*. GEO. R. PERRY, *Secretary*.
H. M. JONES, *Manager*.

PLAYERS.

E. Gastfield, Chicago, Ill.	F. W. Mienkie, Chicago, Ill.
C. H. Goetzean, Chicago, Ill.	Jas. J. Hillary, " "
John Sullivan, Rochester, New York.	R. F. Ross, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Henry M. Jones, Grand Rapids, Mich.	H. Arundel, Cleveland, O.
T. Keirns, Rochester, New York.	M. D. West, Mansfield, O.

THE COLLEGE SEASON OF 1882.

Undoubtedly the most successful college base ball season on record was that of 1882, as far as the number of clubs entering for championship honors and the general character of the season's play was concerned. In regard to an individual club record in the college arena, none has ever equaled that of the Harvard club in 1870, when they made the most extensive and successful base ball tour known in the annals of college club nines. A feature of the college season of '82 was the number of practice games the leading clubs engaged in with professional teams, especially during April. In these games the record of college nine victories was as follows:

April	1.	Princeton vs. Alaska, at Princeton.....	13—11
"	13.	Princeton vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.....	8—7
"	15.	Yale vs. Alaska, at New Haven.....	7—5
"	19.	Yale vs. Atlantic, at New Haven ...	9—6
May	4.	Yale vs. Philadelphia, at New Haven.....	12—0
"	9.	Princeton vs. Trenton, at Princeton.....	22—1
July	4.	Princeton vs. Olympic, at Paterson.....	6—4

One of the best of these college and professional games was that of April 5, when the Harvards played a very close game with the Metropolitans, marked by a score of 3 to 2 only. The Harvards also had a close contest with the Boston team April 15, marked by a score of 8 to 7, and another on the 18th, when the Bostons had difficulty in winning by 4 to 2. The ten innings match between the Harvards and Metropolitans July 3, was also well contested, the Mets winning by 5 to 4 only. The Athletics found difficulty in defeating the Yale nine on July 10, by 6 to 5. Only Yale and Princeton, however, defeated professional teams in 1882, the collegians, failing however, to win a single game from the Metropolitans.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED, MARCH 2, 1883.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The name of this association shall be the American College Base Ball Association.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The following colleges shall constitute the association: Amherst, Brown, Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

SEC. 2. An annual tax of fifteen dollars shall be levied upon each college in the association, payable on or before the first day of May; said tax to be expended upon a trophy for the champion nine.

SEC. 3. No college other than those named shall be admitted to membership except by the unanimous consent of the members of the association.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, and a judiciary committee of one from each college, the president of the association being ex-officio chairman of the committee, and having a vote only in case of a tie. All officers shall be elected by ballot, except the judiciary committee.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The series of games shall consist of two with each college: The first game only on each home grounds, or on grounds mutually agreed upon, counting. And the championship shall be decided by the greatest number of games won. In case of tie for the championship, one game shall be played by each club thus tying, with each of the other tying clubs. Said game to be played upon grounds mutually agreed upon, and within ten days after the last schedule game.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Each club shall receive its entire home gate receipts and pay its own expenses.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. Any club having agreed to play a championship game with another club on a certain day, and refusing or failing to meet its engagement, shall, unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling, or the game be prevented by rain, or postponed with the consent in writing of the other club, forfeit its membership in the association. A certificate signed by at least three members of the faculty shall be also considered a sufficient excuse for failure to play a schedule game; said certificate must be forwarded to other nine within one week after the failure to play.

SEC. 2. In case of a postponed game, the visiting club shall furnish three dates, one of which shall be Saturday, falling before the commencement of the home nine, which dates must be furnished within two days after the time of the game postponed.

SEC. 3. Tie games shall be considered the same as postponed games, but shall be played on grounds mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. Any student who has been pursuing a course of study through the entire collegiate year, and whose college expenses are in any way borne by men connected with base ball interests, shall be eligible for college nine. Any student who shall play on a professional base ball nine, or receive pay therefor, shall not be eligible. Questions of eligibility to be investigated and decided by the judiciary committee, on application of any college.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. The association shall, at its annual meeting, appoint twenty umpires. The secretary shall obtain the address in full of each umpire thus appointed, and publish the list in Spalding's Base Ball Guide.

SEC. 2. The visiting club, not less than seven days before each game, shall submit to the home club the names of seven umpires, none of whom shall live in the city of the visiting club, or be an alumnus or under graduate of either college. The home club shall produce one of the seven umpires on the ground in season for the game; in case of non-compliance with this section, the umpire shall be chosen by the visiting club.

SEC. 3. The umpire shall, in addition to his actual expenses, receive a fee of fifteen dollars, neither more nor less.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. The annual meeting of this association shall be held at Springfield, the *second* Friday in March, at 9 A. M., each college to be represented by not more than three delegates. Any extra meeting may be called by the delegates at the request of four colleges.

ARTICLE X.

SEC. 1. A two-thirds vote of the association shall be required to amend this Constitution. All votes shall be taken "by colleges."

 BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the secretary to see to the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws, and the proceedings of the association in convention, together with the individual records of the previous year's players.

2. The scorer of the winning nine, in each game, shall send the score to the secretary of the association within one week of the time of playing, under a penalty of a fine of five (5) dollars.

3. ALL OFFICIAL PRINTING SHALL BE AWARDED TO A. G. SPALDING & BRO'S, of Chicago, Ill.

4. The secretary of the association shall send, annually, to each official scorer of the association, ten (10) blanks on which the score shall be sent as provided for above.

5. *Immediately* on the completion of all games necessary to the award of the championship, the formal vote of each college, signed by at least one of the delegates to the preceding convention, shall be forwarded to the secretary of the association, for the disposition of the pennant, the money for which shall thereupon be forwarded to the manager of the winning club.

The foregoing is a correct copy of the Constitution and By-Laws as amended and adopted by the American Base Ball Association, at Springfield, March 2, 1883.

JAS. S. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Princeton College,
March 7, 1883.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

The delegates from the six colleges which constitute the American College Base Ball Association, held their fourth annual meeting at Springfield, Mass., March 2, 1883, at the Massasoit House. The delegates were: W. Z. Stuart, W. F. Wilcox, of Amherst; S. S. Green, A. T. Wall, of Brown; A. A. Maxwell, F. M. Douglas, of Dartmouth; A. Crocker, W. H. Coolidge, of Harvard, J. S. Harlan, F. R. Wadleigh, of Princeton; A. Hubbard, C. H. Yates, of Yale.

The following officers were chosen for 1883:

President, Mr. Yates, of Yale; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Crocker, of Harvard, and Mr. Green, of Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Harlan, of Princeton.

The championship for 1882 was unanimously voted to Yale.

As it was impossible for some of the colleges of the association to play games at Hanover this season, Princeton, Harvard, Brown and Amherst tendered their resignations. Dartmouth, however, withdrew from the association, and the resignations were tabled.

Mr. Curtis, of Lyman & Curtis, N. Y., representing A. G. Spalding & Bro's, of Chicago, was then permitted to appear before the association to advocate the adoption of the Spalding League Ball. Sample balls were submitted and examined by the delegates. After some discussion, the Spalding ball was adopted as the official ball of the association, and the secretary was ordered to notify Mr. Curtis of the same.

The constitution was then read, and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, Art. VIII, Sec. 1, of Constitution was stricken out, and the following was adopted instead:

Art. VIII, Sec. 1. The association shall at its annual meeting appoint twenty umpires. The secretary shall obtain the address in full of each umpire thus appointed, and publish the list in Spalding's Base Ball Guide.

SEC 2. The visiting club, not less than seven days before each game, shall submit to the home club the names of seven umpires, none of whom shall live in the city of the visiting club, or be an alumnus or under graduate of either college. The home club shall produce one of the seven umpires on the ground in season for the game; in case of non-compliance with this section, the umpire shall be chosen by the visiting club.

SEC. 3. The umpire shall, in addition to his actual expenses, receive a fee of fifteen dollars, neither more nor less.

The annual meeting of the convention will be held hereafter on the *second* Friday of March, instead of the first; each college to be represented by "*not more than three delegates*," and all voting is to be "*by colleges*."

Some further, but unimportant, changes were made, all of which can be seen in the constitution amended and adopted as it appears appended to this report.

The following umpires were then chosen :

1. John Kelly, of New York.
2. Wm. McLean, of Philadelphia
3. E. J. Calahan, of Boston.
4. C. A. Fulmer, of Philadelphia.
5. Joseph Quinn, of Boston.
6. Otis Tilden, of Brockton.
7. — Cronin, of —.
8. Philip Powers, of New York.
9. A. J. Reach, of Philadelphia.
10. J. A. Cross, of Providence.
11. G. W. Bradley, of Rochester.
12. T. F. Donovan, of Boston.
13. — Donnelly, of —.
14. Frank Gardiner, of Brockton.
15. — Jackson, of —.
16. — Kennedy, of —.
17. Frank Burlingame, of Providence.
18. F. W. Eldridge, of Boston.
19. Thomas Lynch, of New York.
20. Reipschlager, of —.

The playing rules adopted by the National League for the season of 1883, were adopted by the association, with the exception of rule 51 (3), which, differing from the League rules, permits of a batsman being put out on a foul bound catch.

The schedule of games was then prepared, read, and adopted; after which the convention adjourned at 5:45 P. M.

JAS. S. HARLAN,

Secretary.

The following is the record of the Intercollegiate Association champion contests for 1882:

May 6.	Harvard vs. Brown, at Cambridge.....	7—6
" 8.	Brown vs. Dartmouth, at Hanover... ..	12—9
" 10.	Yale vs. Brown, at New Haven	4—2
" 10.	Dartmouth vs. Amherst, at Hanover.....	23—7
" 13.	Amherst vs. Princeton, at Amherst (7 innings).....	8—7
" 15.	Princeton vs. Dartmouth, at Hanover	6—4
" 17.	Dartmouth vs. Harvard, at Cambridge.....	11—8
" 18.	Brown vs. Dartmouth, at Providence.....	22—13
" 19.	Princeton vs. Harvard, at Princeton	9—4
" 23.	Brown vs. Yale, at Providence	9—8
" 23.	Princeton vs. Amherst, at Princeton... ..	16—4
" 24.	Yale vs. Amherst, at New Haven.....	13—1
" 27.	Harvard vs. Yale, at New Haven.....	10—7

May 27.	Brown vs. Princeton, at Princeton.....	15-9
" 29.	Harvard vs. Amherst, at Amherst	19-8
" 30.	Yale vs. Princeton, at New York.....	15-8
June 1.	Princeton vs. Dartmouth, at Princeton	10-7
" 3.	Yale vs. Dartmouth, at New Haven (10 innings)	5-4
" 3.	Princeton vs. Harvard, at Cambridge.....	9-3
" 3.	Amherst vs. Brown, at Amherst.....	4-3
" 6.	Princeton vs. Brown, at Providence.....	10-8
" 6.	Yale vs. Dartmouth, at New York	8-3
" 7.	Amherst vs. Dartmouth, at Amherst.....	9-7
" 9.	Harvard vs. Amherst, at Cambridge.....	10-0
" 12.	Harvard vs. Brown, at Providence.....	17-13
" 17.	Yale vs. Amherst, at Amherst	21-8
" 22.	Yale vs. Harvard, at Cambridge	5-4
" 24.	Princeton vs. Yale, at New York.....	8-7
" 26.	Dartmouth vs. Harvard, at Hanover.....	11-10
" 27.	Yale vs. Princeton, at New Haven.....	9-5
" 20.	Amherst vs. Brown, at Providence.....	10-9

Those who led the batting averages in each club in the college championship arena, were as follows:

PLAYERS.	COLLEGE.	Games.	Per cent. of base hits.
Smith.....	Brown	10	.428
Wadleigh	Princeton.....	11	.395
Parker	Dartmouth.....	10	.377
Olinstead	Harvard.....	10	.377
Camp.....	Yale.....	11	.372
Arnd.....	Amherst.....	10	.304

In the list of the first ten players leading the batting, Brown had four players, Yale, two, and Harvard, Princeton, Amherst and Dartmouth, one each.

The club averages of the college season of 1882, in fielding, are as follows:

Rank.	FIELDING.	Number put Out.	Times Assisting	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls and Wild Pitches	Total Chances.	Per Cent. Chances Accepted
1	Yale.....	287	182	57	23	549	.854
2	Princeton.....	281	173	61	33	548	.828
3	Dartmouth.....	257	154	64	42	517	.795
4	Harvard.....	261	173	71	43	548	.792
5	Brown.....	258	157	81	37	533	.777
6	Amherst.....	249	126	77	39	491	.764

The club batting averages are as follows:

Rank.	BATTING.	Times at Bat.	Base Hits	Total Base Hits	Per Cent. Single Base Hits	Per Cent. Total Base Hits
1	Yale.....	426	129	167	.303	.383
2	Brown.....	412	121	153	.294	.371
3	Harvard.....	402	103	134	.256	.333
4	Dartmouth.....	391	90	118	.230	.302
5	Princeton.....	410	89	104	.217	.254
6	Amherst.....	347	75	94	.216	.271

The fielding averages of the college season are given in full in order to show the names of the players of the several competing teams of the season of 1882:

PLAYERS.	COLLEGES.	Games Played.	Per Cent. of Chances Accepted.
PITCHERS.			
Jones.....	Yale.....	11	.866
Smith.....	Brown.....	10	.811
Harris.....	Amherst.....	10	.806
Bean.....	Harvard.....	10	.775
Gay.....	Dartmouth.....	9	.763
Ernst.....	Princeton.....	10	.733
CATCHERS.			
Hubbard.....	Yale.....	9	.828
Matthewson.....	Dartmouth.....	8	.745
Savage.....	Amherst.....	8	.738
Schenck.....	Princeton.....	11	.730
Bassett.....	Brown.....	6	.722
Crocker.....	Harvard.....	3	.639
FIRST BASEMEN.			
S. Hopkins.....	Yale.....	11	.972
Chase.....	Brown.....	10	.968
Hamlin.....	Amherst.....	10	.967
Partridge.....	Dartmouth.....	10	.952
Larkin.....	Princeton.....	11	.945
Burt.....	Harvard.....	7	.892
SECOND BASEMEN.			
Parker.....	Dartmouth.....	10	.933
Coolidge.....	Harvard.....	10	.909
Badger.....	Yale.....	11	.870
Rafferty.....	Princeton.....	11	.851
Taylor.....	Amherst.....	10	.849
Dilts.....	Brown.....	10	.815
THIRD BASEMEN.			
Harlan.....	Princeton.....	11	.841
Platt.....	Yale.....	11	.780
Chellis.....	Dartmouth.....	5	.762
LeMoyne.....	Harvard.....	10	.748
Greene.....	Brown.....	6	.681
Hunt.....	Amherst.....	7	.603
SHORT STOP.			
Cushman.....	Dartmouth.....	10	.796
Camp.....	Yale.....	11	.773
Baker.....	Harvard.....	9	.778
Wilson.....	Princeton.....	11	.761
Gardner.....	Amherst.....	6	.743
Shedd.....	Brown.....	10	.634
LEFT FIELDERS.			
Webster.....	Dartmouth.....	10	.909
Clark.....	Princeton.....	6	.857
Olmstead.....	Harvard.....	10	.781
Arnd.....	Amherst.....	10	.727
H. Hopkins.....	Yale.....	11	.667
Payne.....	Princeton.....	10	.667

CENTER FIELDERS.

Wadleigh.....	Princeton.....	11	.852
Smith.....	Yale.....	9	.841
Doran.....	Brown.....	10	.684
Bayden.....	Amherst.....	4	.647
Coombs.....	Dartmouth.....	8	.615
Nichols.....	Harvard.....	8	.526

RIGHT FIELDERS.

Harris.....	Princeton.....	11	.800
Durfee.....	Brown.....	10	.789
Wilcox.....	Yale.....	11	.733
Hall.....	Harvard.....	3	.746
Buffam.....	Amherst.....	7	.643
Hale.....	Dartmouth.....	5	.639

The other players who took part in the college matches of the championship arena were: For Harvard, Lovering; for Princeton, Moffat and J. M. Harlan; for Amherst, Smith, Clark and Chase, and for Dartmouth, Guleck, Dickey and Nettleton.

The record of the college championship season of 1882 is as follows:

Rank.	COLLEGES.	Games Played.		Princeton.	Harvard.	Amherst.	Brown.	Dartmouth.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	Games Played.	
		Games	Yale.								Games	Per Cent.
1	Yale	11	...	2	1	2	1	2	8	3	11	.727
2	Princeton	11	1	...	2	1	1	2	7	4	11	.636
3	Harvard	10	1	0	...	2	2	0	5	5	10	.500
4	{ Amherst.....	10	0	1	0	...	2	4	4	6	10	.400
	{ Brown.....	10	1	1	0	0	...	2	4	6	10	.400
5	Dartmouth	10	0	0	2	1	0	...	3	7	10	.300
	Games Lost.....	..	3	4	5	6	6	7				

YALE'S VICTORIES.

May 10,	Yale vs. Brown.....	4—2
" 24,	" " Amherst.....	13—1
June 27,	" " Princeton.....	9—5
May 30,	" " ".....	15—8
June 3,	" " Dartmouth.....	5—4
" 6,	" " ".....	8—3
" 22,	" " Harvard.....	5—4
" 29,	" " Amherst.....	21—8

PRINCETON'S VICTORIES.

June 6,	Princeton vs. Brown.....	10—8
May 15,	" " Dartmouth.....	6—4
" 19,	" " Harvard.....	9—4

May 23,	Princeton vs. Amherst	16—4
June 1,	“ “ Dartmouth	10—7
“ 3,	“ “ Harvard.....	9—3
“ 24,	“ “ Yale.....	8—7

HARVARD'S VICTORIES.

May 6,	Harvard vs. Brown.....	7—6
June 12,	“ “ “	17—13
May 29,	“ “ Amherst.....	19—8
June 9,	“ “ “	10—0
May 27	“ “ Yale	10—7
Total.....		—34

BROWN'S VICTORIES.

May 8,	Brown vs. Dartmouth.....	12—9
“ 18,	“ “ “	22—13
“ 23,	“ “ Yale.....	9—8
“ 27,	“ “ Princeton.....	15—9

AMHERST'S VICTORIES.

June 3,	Amherst vs. Brown.....	4—3
“ 20,	“ “ “	10—9
“ 7,	“ “ Dartmouth.....	9—7
May 13,	“ “ Princeton.....	8—7

DARTMOUTH'S VICTORIES.

May 17,	Dartmouth vs. Harvard.....	11—8
June 26,	“ “ “	11—10
May 10,	“ “ Amherst.....	23—7

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AVERAGES—1882.

AMERICAN COLLEGE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

Bat Rank.	Name.	College.	A. B.	Base Hits.	Bat. Averg.	P. O.	Assists.	Errors.	Fielding Average.	Fielding Rank.
1	Smith.....	B.	49	21	.428	8	67	4	.925	11
2	Wadleigh.....	P.	48	19	.395	21	2	5	.821	31
3	Durfee.....	B.	46	18	.391	17	2	2	.904	17
4	Olmstead	H.	45	17	.377	22	3	7	.781	36
4	Parker.....	D.	45	17	.377	29	29	3	.926	10
5	Camp.....	Y.	51	19	.372	18	28	12	.793	32

Bat Rank.	NAME.	College.	A. B.	Base Hits.	Bat Averg.	P. O.	Assists.	Errors.	Fielding Average.	Fielding Rank.
6	S. Green.	B.	46	17	.369	39	22	16	.782	35
7	Platt	Y.	48	17	.354	10	24	9	.790	33
8	Payne	B.	30	10	.333	11	0	5	.687	45
9	Difts	B.	49	16	.326	26	30	12	.823	30
	S. Hopkins	Y.	52	17	.326	103	1	3	.971	3
10	Partridge	D.	47	15	.319	82	0	4	.953	6
	Chase	B.	47	15	.319	91	3	4	.959	4
11	Hunt	A.	41	13	.317	25	13	16	.703	43
12	Burt	H.	29	9	.310	73	1	10	.880	19
13	Arnd	A.	46	14	.304	24	0	9	.727	41
14	Hall	H.	44	13	.295	29	12	8	.836	27
15	Smith	Y.	51	15	.294	31	5	5	.878	20
16	Jones	Y.	48	14	.291	1	85	7	.924	12
17	Webster	D.	46	13	.282	21	0	2	.913	15
18	Harlan	P.	47	13	.271	23	30	11	.828	29
19	Taylor	A.	40	11	.275	28	16	6	.850	25
20	Coolidge	H.	51	14	.274	29	32	6	.910	16
21	Badger	Y.	50	14	.280	39	22	9	.871	21
22	Ernst	P.	44	12	.272	2	56	9	.865	23
	Hubbard	Y.	44	12	.272	64	18	2	.973	1
23	H. Hopkins	Y.	41	11	.265	11	1	6	.666	47
24	Larkin	P.	51	13	.254	115	5	7	.944	7
25	Baker	H.	37	9	.243	6	39	14	.762	38
	Wilcox	Y.	41	10	.243	10	1	3	.785	34
26	Nichols	H.	50	12	.240	18	3	9	.700	44
27	Le Moyne	H.	44	10	.227	19	17	13	.734	40
28	Savage	A.	41	9	.219	43	16	5	.921	13
29	Gardner	A.	42	9	.214	9	17	8	.764	37
30	Hamlin	A.	39	8	.205	86	2	4	.954	5
	Wilson	P.	44	9	.204	7	26	11	.750	39
31	Coombs	D.	44	9	.204	14	1	10	.600	50
	Doron	B.	49	10	.204	12	1	5	.722	42
32	Bassett	B.	50	10	.200	51	14	8	.890	18
33	Bean	H.	37	7	.189	5	65	2	.972	2
34	Matheuson	D.	44	8	.181	54	18	10	.878	20
	Cushman	D.	44	8	.181	8	31	6	.866	22
35	Schenck	P.	47	8	.170	58	18	5	.938	8
36	Shedd	B.	41	6	.146	5	20	15	.625	49
37	Harris	P.	44	6	.136	4	1	1	.833	28
38	Crocker	H.	46	6	.130	17	6	5	.821	31
39	Chellis	D.	40	5	.125	11	4	7	.681	46
40	Rafferty	P.	42	5	.119	33	33	12	.846	26
41	Buffum	A.	35	4	.114	9	0	7	.562	51
42	Gay	D.	39	4	.102	9	49	4	.935	9
43	Boyden	A.	24	2	.083	13	10	13	.639	48
44	Harris	A.	30	2	.066	11	43	5	.915	14
45	Clark	P.	18	1	.055	5	1	1	.857	24

LESS THAN SIX GAMES.

1	Nettleton	D.	10	4	.400	2	0	5	.285	6
2	Haie	D.	18	5	.277	3	1	3	.571	5
3	Lovering	H.	17	3	.176	43	0	2	.955	1
4	Moffat	P.	18	3	.166	8	6	2	.875	2
5	Smith	A.	12	1	.083	1	7	2	.800	4
	Dickey	D.	12	1	.083	0	11	2	.846	3

AMERICAN COLLEGE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE. 1883.

May 5, Harvard versus Brown, at Providence.
 May 5, Amherst versus Yale, at New Haven.
 May 11, Brown versus Amherst, at Amherst.
 May 12, Harvard versus Yale, at New Haven.
 May 14, Harvard versus Amherst, at Amherst.
 May 18, Harvard versus Princeton, at Princeton.
 May 19, Harvard versus Princeton, at Princeton (exhibition).
 May 19, Yale versus Brown, at Providence.
 May 23, Brown versus Harvard, at Cambridge.
 May 23, Amherst versus Princeton, at New York.
 May 24, Amherst versus Princeton, at Princeton.
 May 26, Yale versus Harvard, at Cambridge.
 May 26, Brown versus Princeton, at Princeton (exhibition).
 May 28, Brown versus Princeton, at Princeton.
 May 30, Yale versus Princeton, at New York.
 May 30, Amherst versus Harvard, at Cambridge.
 June 1, Princeton versus Harvard, at Cambridge.
 June 2, Princeton versus Harvard, at Cambridge (exhibition).
 June 2, Brown versus Yale, at New Haven.
 June 4, Princeton versus Brown, at Providence.
 June 6, Brown versus Harvard, at Cambridge (exhibition).
 June 8, Amherst versus Brown, at Providence.
 June 13, Yale versus Amherst, at Amherst.
 June 19, Princeton versus Yale, at New York.
 June 20, Harvard versus Brown, at Providence (exhibition).
 June 21, Yale versus Harvard, at Cambridge. "
 June 26, Harvard versus Yale, at New Haven. "

COLLEGE CLUBS IN THE WEST.

Within the past few years there has been quite a growth of interest in the college base ball playing in the West, and especially has this been the case since the establishment of the Western Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association or League, which was organized Dec. 23, 1881, the University of Michigan, the Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill., and Racine being the first representatives of the Association. Afterward the University of Wisconsin joined the Association. The first season's campaign of the clubs of the new association ended in 1882, with the result of the success of the Michigan University nine, the other three clubs being for second place.

The officers of the Western College League were as follows for 1882: President, F. W. Davenport, of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Vice-Presidents, W. A. Dyche, North-

western University, Evanston, Ill., and H. Brumbach, Racine, Wis.; Secretary and Treasurer, Colin Fyffe, Racine, Wis

The championship season of the College League began May 6 and ended on June 3, the record of the games played being as follows:

WESTERN COLLEGE LEAGUE RECORD.

SEASON OF 1882.

1. May 6.	Wisconsin vs. Racine, at Madison.....	7—6
2. " 13.	Northwestern vs. Wisconsin University, at Madison...	21—16
3. " 17.	Racine vs. Wisconsin University, at Racine.....	31—7
4. " 19.	Wisconsin University vs. Northwestern, at Evanston...	13—7
5. " 20.	Michigan University vs. Wisconsin, at Ann Arbor...	20—8
6. " 22.	Racine vs. Northwestern, at Racine.....	10—9
7. " 29.	A. M., Michigan University vs. Racine, at Racine.....	12—2
8. " 29.	P. M., Michigan University vs. Racine, at Racine.....	11—10
9. " 30.	Michigan vs. Wisconsin, at Madison.....	16—6
10. " 31.	Michigan vs. Northwestern, at Evanston.....	20—3
11. June 1.	Northwestern vs. Racine, at Evanston.....	11—10
12. " 3.	Michigan vs. Northwestern, at Ann Arbor (forfeited).	9—0

The following is the record of the championship:

	Michi- gan.	Racine.	Wis- consin.	North- western	Games Won.	Total Scores.
Michigan.....	..	2	2	2	5	79
Racine.....	0	..	1	1	2	69
Wisconsin.....	0	1	..	1	2	57
Northwestern.....	0	1	1	..	2	51
Games lost.....	0	4	4	4	11	

RECORD OF CLUBS.

	Times at Bat.	Runs.	1st Base Hits.	Put Out.	Assists.	Errors.	Percentage on Single Base Hits.	Fielding Average.
Michigan.....	218	79	69	123	100	40	.316	.847
Racine	246	69	62	147	95	72	.252	.771
Wisconsin.....	252	57	65	158	85	104	.257	.700
Northwestern.....	198	51	48	126	81	90	.242	.696
Average.....							.266	.753

The individual averages of the players of the three clubs who played in three games and over are appended. For these figures we are indebted to the able Secretary Mr Colin Fyffe.

PLAYERS AVERAGES.

	NAMES.	College.	No. Games	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Base Hits.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Percentage Base Hits.	Percentage in Fielding.
1	Tilden, c.....	R.	6	32	13	17	30	18	20	.531	.737
2	Harvey, s. s.....	M.	5	25	11	13	5	10	8	.520	.652
3	Davenport, i b.....	M.	5	25	12	11	37	2	3	.444	.929
4	Packard, p.....	M.	5	25	9	10	3	13	3	.400	.842
5	Cowling, p.....	R.	6	29	10	11	9	39	7	.379	.873
6	Mallory, p.....	W.	6	28	6	10	4	33	18	.356	.673
7	Sheets, p.....	N.W.	5	21	5	7	5	19	6	.333	.800
8	Antle, p.....	M.	4	19	5	6	2	35	3	.316	.925
9	Walker, c.....	M.	5	26	9	8	53	14	8	.308	.893
10	Waldo, 3 b.....	W.	6	30	6	9	39	6	17	.300	.726
11	Raymond, 3 b.....	M.	5	24	6	7	5	5	6	.291	.625
12	Moe.....	W.	6	31	9	9	3	2	4	.290	.714
13	Plummer, i f.....	N.W.	5	25	10	7	12	7	1	.280	.950
14	Polley, i b.....	N.W.	4	18	8	5	12	11	9	.277	.406
15	Steel, i b.....	R.	6	29	12	8	51	7	3	.276	.951
16	Lunt, i b.....	R.	6	26	6	7	8	8	16	.265	.500
17	Dillman, s. s.....	N.W.	5	23	3	6	5	8	7	.261	.650
18	Bannister, 3 b.....	N.W.	5	20	3	5	28	16	14	.250	.759
19	Dyche.....	N.W.	3	12	3	3	2	2	8	.250	.333
19	Travers, s. s.....	W.	6	24	9	6	7	14	10	.250	.676
20	Parkinson.....	W.	6	28	7	7	13	12	11	.250	.694
21	Hullinger, c. f.....	W.	6	29	5	7	15	5	4	.241	.833
22	Davis, c. f.....	M.	5	25	5	6	1	1	3	.240	.400
23	Huxford, 2 b.....	N.W.	5	23	8	5	8	6	11	.227	.560
24	Fratt, i b.....	W.	6	27	6	6	45	1	17	.222	.730
25	Chandler, r. f.....	W.	4	18	1	4	6	8	8	.222	.636
26	Reed, i f.....	R.	6	24	5	5	7	0	4	.208	.636
27	Crooks, 2 b.....	R.	6	29	10	6	22	12	4	.207	.895
28	Dott, 2 b.....	M.	5	27	13	5	15	9	6	.185	.800
29	Rose, 2 b.....	W.	6	27	5	5	12	3	16	.185	.483
30	Bright, r. f.....	R.	4	18	3	3	2	0	1	.172	.666
31	Barnes, s. s.....	R.	6	24	5	4	6	11	9	.166	.654
32	Cooke, c.....	N.W.	3	13	4	2	8	5	13	.154	.500
33	Sharer, c. f.....	N.W.	3	12	0	1	3	0	1	.083	.750
34	Iliff, c. f.....	R.	6	25	5	1	11	2	1	.040	.929
35	Allmendinger, l. f.....	M.	5	16	8	0	2	1	0	.000	1.000

Those who played in less than three games were as follows:

Gallagher, r. f.....	M.	1	6	1	3	0	0	0	.500	1.000
Andrews, c.....	W.	2	11	3	5	8	6	6	.455	.700
Hinchley, i b.....	N.W.	2	2	2	3	13	4	6	.300	.739
Metcalf, r. f.....	N.W.	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	.250	.333
Goode, i b.....	N.W.	2	8	2	2	15	0	2	.250	.882
Waugh, 2 b.....	N.W.	1	6	2	1	2	1	3	.166	.500
Patrick, r. f.....	R.	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
Pinckney, 2 b.....	N.W.	1	3	0	0	4	1	6	.000	.455

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE,
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, AND NORTH-
WESTERN LEAGUE.

The National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, the American Association of Base Ball Clubs, and the North-Western League of Base Ball Clubs, in consideration of the mutual advantages to be derived therefrom, agree each with the other, as follows:

First: The players named in the lists hereto attached shall be deemed to be players in good standing, in their respective clubs, as named in said lists, until November 1, unless sooner expelled or released, as hereinafter provided, and no Club member of either of the parties hereto shall contract with, or employ, either of said players for any period prior to said November 1, 1883, unless said player be duly released, and notice thereof given, as hereinafter provided.

Second: Any player not named on the lists hereto attached, or who was not, prior to January 1, 1883, expelled or suspended for the season of 1883, by either of the parties to this agreement, who shall be employed for the season of 1883, or any part thereof, by any Club member of either of the parties hereto, shall be deemed and held to be a player in good standing of such club, for any term of service terminating by November 1, 1883, that may be stipulated in his contract of employment, provided that written notice of such contract, in accordance with the rules of the Association to which the contracting Club belongs, shall be filed with the Secretary of such Association, and communicated by him in writing to the Secretaries of the other two Associations, by whom such notice shall in turn be served upon the Clubs composing such other two Associations, and, on receipt of such notice, every Club member of all the parties hereto, excepting the contracting Club, shall be debarred from employing or playing the said player at any time prior to the expiration of the said term of service, excepting as hereinafter provided.

Third: When a player is expelled or suspended in accordance with its rules, by either of the parties hereto, notice of such expulsion or suspension shall be served upon the Secretaries of the other two Associations by the Secretary of the Association from whose Club such player shall have been expelled or suspended; and the Secretaries of such other two Associations shall forthwith serve notice of such expulsion or suspension upon the Club members of such other two Associations, and, from the receipt of such notice, all Club members of all the parties hereto, shall be debarred from employing or playing with, or against, such expelled or suspended player, until the

period of suspension shall have terminated, or the expulsion be revoked by the Association from which such player was expelled, and due notice of such revocation served upon the Secretaries of the other two Associations, and by them upon their respective Clubs.

Fourth: No contract shall be made for the services of any player by any Club member of either of the parties hereto for a longer period than seven months, beginning April 1st, and terminating October 31st, in each year, and no such contract for services to be rendered after the expiration of the present year shall be made prior to the 10th day of October of each year, nor shall any negotiation be entered into by or between any Club or agent thereof, with any player for services to be rendered in an ensuing year, prior to the said 10th day of October

Fifth: On the 20th day of September of each year, each Club member of the parties hereto shall transmit to the Secretary of its Association a list of names of any players, not exceeding eleven in number, on that date under contract with such Club, which such club desires to reserve for the ensuing year, accompanied by a statement over the signature of the Secretary of such Club, that such Club is willing to pay not less than one thousand dollars as the compensation of each player so reserved, in the contract to be made with him for the ensuing season, provided such Club be a member of the National League, or American Association; and, if a member of the North Western League or of any Alliance Club of any party hereto, seven hundred and fifty dollars. And the Secretary of each Association shall, on the 25th day of September, transmit to the Secretaries of the other two Associations, parties hereto, a full list of players thus reserved. The Secretary of each Association shall, thereupon, on the 5th day of October, transmit to each Club member of such Association a full list of all players so reserved by all Clubs then composing the three Associations, and no Club member of either of the parties hereto, shall have the right to contract, negotiate with, or employ any player so reserved by any other Club member of either of the parties hereto, unless the Club member reserving the player shall have notified the Secretary of the Association to which such Club member belongs of the release of such player from such reservation; and, in case of such release, the Secretary of such Association shall notify the Secretaries of the other two Associations, parties hereto; and the Secretaries of the three Associations shall notify all the Club members, parties hereto, of such release; and, on receipt of such notice, any Club member of the parties hereto will have the right to employ the player so released from reservation, provided that twenty days shall have elapsed between the release from such

reservation before such player shall be eligible to contract with another Club.

Sixth: Any contract between a Club member of any of the parties hereto and a player, made in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, shall be deemed valid and binding, and all other Clubs shall be debarred from employing such player during the period of such contract; provided that such contract shall be considered to take effect upon receipt of written notice thereof by the Club members of the parties hereto, and the transmission of such notice by the respective Secretaries of the parties hereto, is hereby made mandatory upon said Secretaries; and such notice must follow immediately upon receipt of the contracting Club's notice to the Secretary of the Association to which such contracting Club belongs.

Seventh: Any disputes or complaints arising out of the performance of the stipulations of this agreement, and any alleged violations of this agreement; also, any question of interpretation of any stipulations of this agreement, shall be referred to an Arbitration Committee, to consist of three representatives of each party hereto, to be appointed prior to the 31st day of March, 1883, by the parties hereto; notice of such appointment to be served upon the Secretaries of each Association; and the decision of such Arbitration Committee upon such matters or any of them, shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

In witness whereof, the said parties have, by the President of each of the parties hereto, thereunto duly authorized, signed this agreement on the dates set opposite their respective signatures.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

March 5, 1883, by A. G. MILLS, President.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BASE BALL CLUBS.

March 13, 1883, by H. D. McKNIGHT, President.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE
BALL CLUBS.

February 17, 1883, by ELIAS MATTER, President.

List of Players Referred to in the First Section of the Annexed Agreement.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

BOSTON.

Burdock, J. J.	Whitney, J. E.	Wise, S. W.
Sutton, E. B.	Buffington, C. G.	Hornung, Jos.
Morrill, J. F.	Radford, P. R.	Hines, Michael.
Hackett, M. M.	Brown, L. J.	

BUFFALO.

Foley, Chas. J.	Richardson, H.	Galvin, J. F.
Rowe, J. C.	Force, D. W.	Brouthers, D.
Shaffer, Geo.	O'Rourke, Jas.	White, J. L.
Derby, Geo. H.	Kennedy, M. J.	

CHICAGO.

Anson, A. C.	Williamson, E. N.	Gore, Geo. F.
Kelly, M. J.	Corcoran, L.	Dalrymple, A.
Goldsmith, F. E.	Burns, Thos. E.	Flint, F. S.
Pfeffer, Fred.	Stockwell, L. C.	

CLEVELAND.

Hotaling, P. J.	Phillips, W. B.	Evans, Jacob
Glasscock, Jno. W.	Briody, Chas.	Muldoon, M.
McCormick, James	Dunlap, Fred.	Bradley, Geo. W.
Bancroft, F. C.	York, Thos.	Bushong, A. J.
Dailey, Hugh		

DETROIT.

Houck, S. P.	Trott, S. W.	Wood, Geo. A.
Bennett, C. W.	Farrell, Jos. F.	Weidman, Geo. K.
Hanlon, Edward,	Burns, Rich'd S	Mansell, Thos.
Powell, M. J.	Quest, J. L.	

NEW YORK.

Clapp, Jno. E.	Dorgan, M. C.	O'Neill, Jas. E.
Hankinson, F.	Caskins, E. J.	Ward, Jno. M.
Troy, Jno.	Gillespie, P.	Ewing, Wm.
Welsh, M.	Connor, R.	

PHILADELPHIA.

Gross, E. M.	Neagle, Jno.	Henderson, H.
Lewis, Fred.	McClellan, W. H.	Purcell, W. A.
Manning, Jno.	Ringo, F. C.	Coleman, Jno. T.
Gaunt, Chas. W., Jr.	Roberts, C. J.	

PROVIDENCE.

Nava, V.	Gilligan, R.	Irwin, A. A.
Denny, Jer.	Farrell, Jno.	Start, Jos.

Radbourn, Chas.	Carroll, Cliff	Hines, P. A.
Richmond, J. L.	Cassidy, P. P.	Robinson, Chas. H.
Smith, E. E.		

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

ALLEGHENY.

Swartwood, C. E.	Taylor, W. H.	Mansell, M. R.
Hayes, J. J.	Driscoll, John	Peters, P.
Creamer, George	Nolan, E. S.	Laughlin, F. M.
Battin, J. V.	Overbeck, H. A.	Dickerson, L. P.

ATHLETICS.

Rowen, E.	Stricker, J.	Birchall, A. J.
Knight, A.	Corey, F. H.	Stovey, H. D.
O'Brien, John	Mathews, R.	Moynahan, M.
Blakiston, R.	Crowley, W.	

BALTIMORE.

McCormick, J.	Larkin, F.	Clinton, J. L.
Say, L.	Kelley, J. F.	Divon, F. R.
Fox, J. J.	Egglet, D.	Stearns, D.
Baker, Phil.		

CINCINNATI.

Carpenter, W. W.	Snyder, C. N.	McPhee, J. A.
White, W. H.	Sommer, J.	McCormick, H.
Maculler, J. F.	Reilly, J. O.	Jones, C. W.
Wheeler, H.	Powers, Phil.	Corkhill, Jno. S.
Fulmer, Chas.	Deagle, Ron.	

COLUMBUS.

Straub, J.	Brown, T. T.	Mountain, F. H.
Schwartz, W. A.	Kemmler, R.	Smith, J. J.
Smith, C. M.	Richmond, J.	Kuehne, W. J.
Valentine, J. G.		

ECLIPSE.

Sullivan, D. C.	Whiting, E.	Hecker, C. J.
Browning, L.	Wolf, W.	Maskrey, L.
Leary, J.	Roccus, J.	Latham, G. W.
Gerhardt, J. J.	Weaver, S. W.	

METROPOLITAN.

Keefe, T. J.	Holbert, W. H.	Nelson, J.
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Kennedy, Edward	Brady, S.	Roseman, J.
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PLAYING RULES
—OF THE—
NATIONAL LEAGUE

—OF—
Professional Base Ball Clubs,

1883.

ADOPTED IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 64 OF THE
LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

CLASS I.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

RULE 1. *The Ground* must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. *The Infield* must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

RULE 3. *The Bases* must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of white marble or white stone, twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in a corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of each shall be upon a separate corner of the infield, the First Base at the right, the Second Base opposite, and the Third Base at the left of the Home Base.

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

RULE 4. *The Foul Lines* must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, through the center of the positions of First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

RULE 5. *The Pitcher's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the Infield, six feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the six feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground, even with the surface.

RULE 6. *The Catcher's Lines* must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the Ground back of the Home Base.

RULE 7. *The Captain's Lines* must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the Limits of the Ground, fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

RULE 8. *The Players' Lines* must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

RULE 9. *The Players' Bench* must be furnished by the Home Club, and placed upon a portion of the Ground outside the Players' Lines. It must be twelve feet in length and immovably fastened to the ground. At each end of such bench must be immovably fixed a bat-rack, with fixtures for holding twenty bats; one such rack must be designated for the exclusive use of the Visiting Club, and the other for the exclusive use of the Home Club.

RULE 10. *The Batsman's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the Home Base.

RULE 11. *The Three Feet Lines* must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the center of the First Base; thence in a straight line to the center of the First Base, and thence upon the Foul Line to the point of beginning.

RULE 12. *The lines designated* in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, *except* the Captain's and Players' Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

RULE 13. *The Ball*

(1) Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and contain not more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form, and be covered with leather. It must be furnished by the Secretary of the League, whose seal shall be final evidence of the legality of the ball.*

(2) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and become the property of the winning club.

(3) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be unfit for fair use in the opinion of the Umpire, on being appealed to by either Captain, a new ball shall at once be called for by the Umpire.

(4) Should the ball be lost during the game, the Umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

* The "Spalding League Ball," having been adopted as the official ball of the National League for 1883, must be used in all match games played under League rules.

RULE 14. *The Bat*

(1) Must be made wholly of wood.

(2) It must be round, must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

CLASS II.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 15. *No Club* shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 16. *No Club* shall sell or allow to be sold upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.

RULE 17. *No person* shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to *the nine players on each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform to preserve the peace.*

RULE 18. *Players in uniform* shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

RULE 19. *The umpire* is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person hissing or hooting at, or offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

RULE 20. *Every Club* shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the

field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared; and if the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

RULE 21. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

CLASS III.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 22. *The Players* of each club, in a match game, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall be the Captain.

RULE 23. *The Players' Positions* shall be

(1) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these Rules) such as may be assigned them by their Captain, *except* that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(2) When their side goes to the bat they must immediately seat themselves upon the Players' Bench, and remain there until the side is put out, *except* when batsman or base-runner. All bats not in use must be kept in the bat racks, and the two players next succeeding the Batsman, in the order in which they are named on the Score, must be ready with bat in hand to promptly take position as batsman: *Provided*,

that the Captain, and one assistant only, may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, to coach Base-Runners.

(3) The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsman's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named on the Score, which must contain the batting order of both nines and must be followed, except in case of disability of a player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the disabled player in the batting order.

(4) No player of the side at bat, *except* when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines as defined in Rule 6.

CLASS IV.

DEFINITIONS.

RULE 24. *A High Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, higher than the belt of the Batsman, but not higher than his shoulder.

RULE 25. *A Low Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's belt, nor lower than his knee.

RULE 26. *A High or Low Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's shoulder, nor lower than his knee.

RULE 27. *A Fair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, while wholly within the lines of his position and facing the Batsman, with

his hand passing below his shoulder, and the ball passing over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

RULE 28. *An Unfair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 27, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does not pass over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

RULE 29. *A Balk* is

(1) A motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, *except* the ball be accidentally dropped; or,

(2) The ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily; or,

(3) Delivered to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of his position.

RULE 30. *A Foul Balk* is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher by an overhand throw, or any swing of the arm or hand other than that prescribed in Rule 27.

RULE 31. *A Dead Ball* is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher, that touches the Batsman's bat, without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person while standing in his position, without being struck at, or any part of the Umpire's person, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 32. *A Block* is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

RULE 33. *A Fair Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is in front of or on either of the Foul Lines, or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 34. *A Foul Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 35. *A Strike* is

(1) A ball struck at by the Batsman without it touching his bat; or,

(2) A ball legally delivered by the Pitcher at the height called for by the Batsman, and over the Home Base, but not struck at by the Batsman.

RULE 36. *A Foul Strike* is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

RULE 37. *Play* is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 38. *Time* is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 39. *Game* is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 40. *An Inning* is the turn at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

RULE 41. *A time at bat* is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out, or becomes a base runner.

RULE 42. *Legal, or Legally*, signifies as required by these rules.

CLASS V.

THE GAME.

RULE 43. *A Game* shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that:

(1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(2) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings; or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4) If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, *unless* the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 44. *A Drawn Game* shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game, on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*Exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 45. *A Forfeited Game* shall be declared by the Umpire, in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1) If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the Field, or, being upon the Field, fail to begin

the game, within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game.

(2) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, *unless* such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

(3) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

RULE 46. "*No Game*" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play, on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

RULE 47. *A Substitute* shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, *unless* such player be disabled in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury.

RULE 48. *The Choice of First Innings* shall be determined by the two Captains.

RULE 49. *The Umpire* must call "Play" at the hour appointed for beginning a game. The game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player; (but in case of accident to a Fielder, Time shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the

Pitcher, standing in his position); or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and, should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game. The Umpire shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," "Balk" and "Foul Balk."

RULE 50. *The Batsman, on taking his position*, must call for a "High Ball," a "Low Ball," or a "High or Low Ball," and the Umpire shall notify the Pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered. The Umpire shall count and call every "Unfair Ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "Foul Balk" and "Dead Ball," if also an "Unfair Ball," as a "Ball;" and he shall also count and call every "Strike." Neither a "Ball" nor a "Strike" shall be called counted until the ball has passed the Home Base.

RULE 51. *The Batsman is out*

(1) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made, and in such case the balls and strikes called will be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman.

(2) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3) If he makes a Foul Hit, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the fielder before being caught.

(4) If he makes a Foul Strike.

(5) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

RULE 52. *The Batsman becomes a Base Runner*

(1) Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

(2) Instantly after seven Balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3) Instantly after three Strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

(4) Instantly after two Foul Balks have been declared by the Umpire.

RULE 53. *The Base-Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz.: First, Second, Third and Home Bases, and when obliged to return, must do so on the run, and must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base-Runner.*

RULE 54. *The Base-Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base, provided he do so on the run, in the following cases:*

(1) If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called seven Balls.

(2) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on seven balls, and the Base-Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

(3) If the Umpire calls a Balk.

(4) If the Umpire calls two Foul Balks.

(5) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

(6.) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

(7) If a Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

RULE 55. *The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out, provided he do so on the run.*

(1) If the Umpire declares a Foul Hit, and the ball be not legally caught by a Fielder.

(2) If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

(3) If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the seventh Unfair Ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54 (2).

RULE 56. *The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him.*

RULE 57. *The Base Runner is out:*

(1) If, after three Strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fails to catch the third-strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

(2) If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair-hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.

(3) If, when the Umpire has declared three Strikes on him while Batsman, the third-strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

(4) If, after three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base-Runner touches First Base.

(5) If, after three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base Runner touches First Base.

(6) If, immediately after three strikes, seven balls, or a fair hit, he fails to run to First Base.

(7) If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, he runs outside the Three-Foot Lines, as defined in Rule 11, *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(8) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base-Runner's proper

path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base-Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(9) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in (7) and (8) of this Rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball: *Provided*, that if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base-Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base-Runner out for coming in contact with any other Fielder.

(10) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but (exception as to First Base)* in running to First Base he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(11) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base-Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base-Runner be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder),

before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught: *Provided* that the Base-Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base-Runner with it.

(12) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base-Runner (*except as provided in Rule 54*), the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base-Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it; until any following Base-Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base-Runner is put out.

(13) If a Fair Hit ball strike him, he shall be declared out, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced, and no run be scored.

(14) If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 53, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base: *Provided*, That he shall not be declared out unless the Captain of the fielding side claim such decision before the ball is delivered to the bat by the Pitcher.

(15) If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called, before touching the next base.

RULE 58. *The Umpire shall declare the Batter or Base-Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 57, (11,) (14) and (15.)*

RULE 59. *In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit not legally caught flying, Dead Ball, or Base-Runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.*

RULE 60. *Whenever a Block occurs, the Umpire shall declare it, and Base-Runners may run the bases without being put out, until after the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.*

RULE 61. *One Run shall be scored every time a Base-Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.*

RULE 62. *If the Pitcher causes the ball to strike the Batter, and the Umpire be satisfied that he does it intentionally, he shall fine the Pitcher therefor in a sum not less than Ten Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars. (See League contract, paragraph 11.)*

RULE 63. *No Player except the Captain or his assistant shall address the Umpire* concerning any point of play, and any violation of this Rule shall subject the offender to a fine by the Umpire.

CLASS VI.

RULE 64. A staff of four League umpires shall be elected at the Schedule meeting of the League, in the month of March, on the following basis:

(1) Applications for such positions will be received by the Secretary until the first day of March.

(2) A written contract shall be made with each of the four umpires selected, stipulating for his service from May 1st to Oct. 1st, at a salary of one thousand dollars for such period, payable in equal monthly payments, at the expiration of each month of service. He shall also be allowed and paid his actual expenses while absent from his home in the service of the League.

(3) He shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom he will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall see that he is proficient in the discharge of his duties, and that he shall appear in proper dress when acting as umpire.

(4) In the event of the failure of such umpire to umpire a game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to

umpire such game, and, in such case, there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which, for any reason, he shall have failed to umpire.

(5) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the visiting club to designate an umpire for such game.

(6) Any League umpire shall be removed who shall be objected to in writing by four League clubs after the commencement of the championship season, and, in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

RULE 65. *The Umpire's Duties*, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are :

(1) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and, if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game or upon the testimony of any bystander.

(2) It shall be the duty of the umpire to decide whether the grounds are in proper condition and the weather suitable for play.

RULE 66. *The Umpire shall not be changed*, during the progress of a match game, except for reason of illness or injury.

RULE 67. *Any League Umpire who shall be convicted* of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted on expelled players by the Constitution of the League. (See, also, Constitution, Section 45)

RULE 68. *The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers*, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are :

(1) The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules, and enforcing each and every one of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination,

allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

(2) The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the Pitcher or Catcher, or is passing between them, while standing in their positions.

(3) Section 9 of the League Constitution makes the League Umpire a member of the League. During the progress of a game he is the sole representative of the League, to see that the game is played and determined solely on its merits, and these Rules invest him with ample powers to accomplish this purpose. In the performance of his duties he must remember that his sole allegiance is due to the League.

(4) The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game,

and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any Player to do or omit to do any act, as he may deem it necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire, audience, or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted. (See League Contract, paragraph 11.)

(5) The Umpire shall, at once, notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of the League, within ten days transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

(6) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter; and if he shall fail to do so, he shall forfeit his position as League Umpire, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to umpire any League game.

RULE 69. For the special benefit of the patrons of the Game, and because the offenses specified are under his immediate jurisdiction, and not

subject to appeal by players, the attention of the Umpire is particularly directed to possible violations of the purpose and spirit of the Rules, of the following character :

1. Laziness or loafing of players in taking their places in the field, or those allotted them by the Rules when their side is at bat, and especially any failure to keep the bats in the racks provided for them ; to be ready (two men) to take position as Batsman, and to remain upon the Players' Bench except when otherwise required by the Rules.

2. Any attempt by players of the side at bat, by calling to a fielder other than the one designated by his Captain, to field a ball, or by any other equally disreputable means seeking to disconcert a fielder.

3. Indecent or improper language addressed by a player to the audience, the Umpire, or any player.

In any of these cases the Umpire should promptly fine the offending player.

4. The Rules make a marked distinction between hindrance of an adversary in fielding a batted or a thrown ball. This has been done to rid the game of the childish excuses and claims formerly made by a Fielder failing to hold a ball to put out a Base-Runner, but there may be cases of a Base-Runner so flagrantly violating the spirit of the Rules and of the Game in obstructing a Fielder from fielding a thrown ball, that it would become the duty of the Umpire not only to declare the Base-Runner " out " (and to

compel any succeeding Base-Runners to hold their bases), but also to impose a heavy fine upon him. For example: If the Base-Runner plainly strike the ball while passing him, to prevent its being caught by a Fielder ; if he hold a Fielder's arms so as to disable him from catching the ball, or if he knock the Fielder down with his fist for the same purpose.

5. In the case of a "Block", if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders, the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base-runner to stop at the last base touched by him, until the ball be returned to the Pitcher, standing in his position.

6. The Umpire must call "Play" at the exact time advertised for beginning a game, and any player not then ready to take the position allotted him must be promptly fined by the Umpire.

7. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rules. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with the Umpire, is a gross violation of the Rules, and the Umpire should promptly fine any player who interrupts the game in this manner.

CLASS VII

SCORING.

RULE 70. *In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring* Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made

for the benefit of scorers of League clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Section 80 of the League Constitution in accordance therewith.

Batting.

(1) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

(2) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases :

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines, and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

(4) In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total bases made by him off his hits.

Fielding

(5) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

In the summary of the game should be credited to the pitcher the number of times a batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

(7) An error should be given for each mis-play which allows the striker or base-runner to

make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out.

An error should be given to the Pitcher when the batsman is given first base on "called balls."

In scoring errors off batted balls, see (3) of this rule.

CLASS VIII.

CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS.

RULE 71. No section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the Constitution of the League,

RULE 72. *No Amendment* or change of any of these Rules shall be made, except in the manner provided in the Constitution of the League.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, PA., FRIDAY, SEPT. 22d, A. D. 1882.

Present:

MESSRS. A. H. SODEN	}	representing BOSTON	B. B. ASS'N.
A. J. CHASE			
HON. W. G. THOMPSON	"	DETROIT	" "
MR. A. L. HOTCHKIN	"	TROY CITY	" "
MR. GEO. W. HOWE	"	CLEVELAND	" "
MR. FRED SIMESTER	"	WORCESTER	" "
MR. H. B. WINSHIP	"	PROVIDENCE	" "
MR. JAMES MOFFAT	"	BUFFALO	" CLUB.
MR. A. G. SPALDING	"	CH. CAGO	BALL "

Meeting called to order at 11 A. M., by PRESIDENT SODEN, who spoke very feelingly of the circumstances which called him to the chair by the death of PRESIDENT HULBERT, and eulogized the man and his many noble qualities of mind and heart.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

MR. THOMPSON moved that each club be permitted to hire any of their own, or players not connected with League Clubs, on and after Monday, Sept. 25. Carried.

MR. CHASE moved, as a sense of this meeting, that the Buffalo Club has a right to play three schedule games with the Chicago Club in either Chicago, New York, or Philadelphia. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Chicago and Providence Clubs, in case of a tie for the championship, be permitted to play a series of not more than nine games as a test of superiority. Carried.

On motion adjourned subject to the call of the President.

(Signed)

N. E. YOUNG,

Secretary.

A. H. SODEN,

President.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT HOTEL DORRANCE, PROVIDENCE, R. I., TUESDAY, DEC. 5, A. D. 1882.

Meeting called to order by the chairman at 8.30 P. M.

Present:

MR. A. H. SODEN, Chairman, and MESSRS. THOMPSON, HOTCHKIN, and HUGHSON, Directors. (The latter representing the BUFFALO CLUB in the absence of MR. JEWETT.)

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

MR. N. E. YOUNG was re-elected Secretary of the League. On motion adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M., on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6., A. D. 1882.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 A. M.

Present: MR. A. H. SODEN, Chairman, and MESSRS. BROWN, THOMPSON, HOTCHKIN and HUGHSON, Directors.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1882, showing the CHICAGO CLUB to have won the greatest number.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the CHICAGO BALL CLUB of CHICAGO, ILL., having won the greatest number of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP of the UNITED STATES for the year 1882.

In connection with the subject of the championship we find that several games were played by four League Clubs after the conclusion of the championship season, in pursuance of an agreement made by representatives of six (6) League Clubs. Under the present Constitution of the League such games can have no place in the championship record, but we recommend such legislation as will provide for a special series to determine the championship in case two or more clubs be found tied for first place on games won and lost at the conclusion of the series covered by the annual championship schedule.

We have the pleasure of reporting that an appropriate memorial stone, commemorating the connection of our late PRESIDENT, MR. W. A. HULBERT, with the League, has been provided for by equal contributions of all the clubs that were members of the League at the time of his death, and that it is now in course of preparation and will probably be erected during the present month.

In the matter of charges and specifications preferred by the CLEVELAND CLUB against HERMAN DOSCHER, on motion of MR. THOMPSON the appeal of MR. DOSCHER was dismissed, and the action of the CLEVELAND CLUB in suspending said DOSCHER for the year 1883 was unanimously affirmed.

On motion of MR. THOMPSON the BUFFALO CLUB was awarded one hundred (\$100) dollars to be paid by the METROPOLITAN CLUB for game of date Oct. 6, 1882.

On motion adjourned.

(Signed)	A. H. SODEN,	Chairman.
"	A. L. HOTCHKIN,	} Directors.
"	GEO. H. HUGHSON,	
"	W. G. THOMPSON,	
"	FREEMAN BROWN,	

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT HOTEL DORRANCE, PROVIDENCE, R. I., WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, A. D. 1882.

Meeting called to order by the PRESIDENT at 12 M.

The following named gentlemen presented their credentials:

A. H. SODEN	representing the BOSTON	B. B. Ass'N
A. J. CHASE	"	"
H. B. WINSHIP	" PROVIDENCE	"
H. WRIGHT	"	"
C. H. BULKLEY	" CLEVELAND	"
GEO. W. HOWE	"	"
A. G. SPALDING	" CHICAGO BALL CLUB.	
A. G. MILLS	"	"
A. L. HOTCHKIN	" TROY CITY B. B. Ass'N	
FREEMAN BROWN	" WORCESTER	" CLUB.
HON. W. G. THOMPSON	" DETROIT	" ASS'N.
GEO. H. HUGHSON	" BUFFALO	" CLUB.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

MR. A. G. MILLS offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That by the death of our friend and former PRESIDENT, MR. W. A. HULBERT, the National game and this League have alike suffered an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That to him alone is due the credit of having founded this League, and to his able leadership, sound judgment and impartial management, are chiefly due the success it has thus far attained, and the substantial reforms which have been effected in the exhibition of the National game since the organization of this League.

Resolved, That we honor his name and will ever cherish his memory, and will endeavor, in the conduct of the affairs of this League, to pursue the line of policy which he inaugurated.

Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be furnished MR. HULBERT's family with the assurance of our profound sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Mills, Young, and others.

The regular order of business being resumed, on motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The resignations of the WORCESTER B. B. CLUB and the TROY CITY B. B. Ass'N were received, and, on motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the resignations of the WORCESTER B. B. CLUB, and the TROY CITY B. B. ASSOCIATION, are hereby accepted, and that the names of said clubs be placed on the roll of honorary League membership.

Resolved, That the representatives of the WORCESTER and TROY CITY CLUBS be invited to be present during the remainder of this annual meeting.

The Secretary presented the applications for League membership of the NEW YORK BALL CLUB of New York City, and the PHILADELPHIA BALL CLUB of PHILADELPHIA, Pa., accompanied with the unanimous favorable report of the committee to whom they had been previously referred. Upon a ballot being passed they were duly elected. JNO. B. DAY and C. T. DILLINGHAM were admitted as the representatives of the former, and A. J. REACH as the representative of the latter club.

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Constitution, pending the consideration of which on motion adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. on the following day.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, A. D. 1882.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M., and proceeded to the consideration of amendments to the CONSTITUTION and PLAYING RULES, which, as amended, were adopted as follows:

(See CONSTITUTION AND PLAYING RULES.)

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Northwestern League has invited this League to arrange a basis for the mutual recognition of contracts, and

WHEREAS, This League has accepted such invitation, Therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this meeting to confer upon this and other subjects of mutual interest, with such association, or with any other association of Base Ball Clubs, said committee to report to the League meeting in March.

The following named gentlemen were selected to constitute such committee: MESSRS. A. G. MILLS, JNO. B. DAY, and A. H. SODEN.

On motion the names of the following persons were removed from the list of disqualified players, *Viz*: S. P. HOUCK, LIPMAN PIKE, L. P. DICKERSON, M. J. DORGAN, J. J. FOX, EDWARD NOLAN, WM. CROWLEY, E. M. GROSS, L. J. BROWN, and E. J. CASKINS.

On motion the disabilities of JNO. E. CLAPP were removed.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the League is hereby empowered to reconvene this annual meeting at any time in March, 1883.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the League be held at Washington, D. C.

MESSRS. A. H. SODEN and A. G. SPALDING were selected as a committee to prepare a SCHEDULE for the season of 1883.

On motion, the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to consider the matter of uniforms.

MESSRS. BULKLEY, DAY and WRIGHT were appointed to constitute such committee, who reported in favor of the clubs named being permitted to wear the colored stockings selected by them as follows: BOSTON, RED, CHICAGO, WHITE, DETROIT, BROWN, BUFFALO, GRAY, CLEVELAND, NAVY BLUE, PROVIDENCE, LIGHT BLUE. Also of allowing the New York and Philadelphia clubs to select their own colors prior to the commencement of the season, which should be distinctive and not in conflict with any of the colors selected by the above named clubs.

The report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

MR. A. H. SODEN was appointed a committee to receive bids from manufacturers present for furnishing the necessary number of balls for the use of the League during the year 1883.

The "SPALDING LEAGUE BALL" was selected, and the contract for furnishing the same duly awarded to MESSRS. A. G. SPALDING & BROS., Chicago, Ill.

MESSRS. SPALDING, REACH & HUGHSON were appointed a committee on Printing, and, upon their report and recommendation, the contract for printing posters, etc., for the use of League clubs during the year 1883, was awarded to MR. JNO. B. SAGE, BUFFALO, N. Y. MR. A. G. MILLS was unanimously elected PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the League are due and are hereby tendered to MR. A. H. SODEN for the able and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties of President.

The following named gentlemen were elected with the President, to constitute the "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" for the ensuing year, namely: A. H. SODEN, A. J. REACH, HON. W. G. THOMPSON, and A. G. SPALDING.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed)
N. E. YOUNG,
Secretary.

A. G. MILLS,
President.

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE
VICTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, MARCH
5 1883.

The following delegates were present:

A. G. Spalding,	representing the Chicago	Ball Club.
Jno. B. Day,	New York	" "
A. J. Reach & Jno. I. Rogers	Phila.	" "
Geo. H. Hughson,	Buffalo	B. B. Club.
Hon. W. G. Thompson,	Detroit	" Ass'n.
Geo. W. Howe,	Cleveland	" "
Harry Wright,	Providence	" "
A. H. Soden & A. J. Chase,	Boston	" "

Meeting called to order by President Mills at 12:30 P. M.

The conference committee appointed to confer with other associations submitted their report, and, on motion, it was unanimously accepted, and the President was duly authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the League.

Messrs. A. G. Mills, A. H. Soden, and Jno. B. Day were appointed an arbitration committee on behalf of the League.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the disabilities of the following named persons be removed, namely: Alex. McKinnon, Philip Baker, C. W. Jones, and J. J. Gerhardt.

The following amendments were made to the Constitution and Playing Rules:

(See Constitution and Playing Rules).

Messrs. A. F. Odlin of Lancaster, N. H., S. M. Decker, Bradford, Pa., Frank Lane, Norwalk, O., and W. E. Furlong, Kansas City, Mo, were duly elected to constitute the staff of League umpires for 1883.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Herman Doscher be expelled from the League for embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretences.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. A. H. Soden and Albert G. Spalding, appointed to prepare a schedule for the season of 1883, submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed)
N. E. YOUNG,
Secretary.

A. G. MILLS,
President.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS
HELD AT THE RUSSELL HOUSE, DETROIT, MICH., JUNE
24, A. D. 1882.

Present:

MESSRS. W. G. THOMPSON, FREEMAN BROWN, JAMES A. MUGRIDGE and GARDNER EARL, Directors. (The two latter representing the BUFFALO and TROY CITY CLUBS in the absence of MESSRS. JEWETT and HOPKINS.)

In the absence of President Soden and Secretary Young, MR. JAMES A. MUGRIDGE was elected chairman *pro tem.*, and MR. FREEMAN BROWN, Sec'y *pro tem.*

PRESIDENT THOMPSON of the DETROIT CLUB preferred charges against RICHARD HIGHAM, League umpire (letter marked "A") and in support of same presented the following communication, (marked "B.")

President Thompson by reason of representing the club making the charges at issue, was excused from acting with the "Board."

Mr. Richard Higham, against whom the charges were preferred, was admitted to the meeting, and an opportunity given him to present his defence.

He denied the authorship of the letter marked "B" and made a general denial of all complicity with any person or persons to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules. The letter marked "B" having been submitted with a letter, the authorship of which Mr. Higham acknowledged to be his own, to three of the best handwriting experts in Detroit, and being pronounced identical with each other, it was

Resolved, That the charges preferred by the Detroit Club against RICHARD HIGHAM are fully sustained.

Resolved, That the said RICHARD HIGHAM be forever disqualified from acting as umpire in any game of ball participated in by a League Club.

On motion, adjourned

(Signed.)

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RECORD OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Since the Formation of the League in
1876, to and Including 1882.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1876.

	Chicago.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Boston.	Louisville.	Mutual.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	....	6	4	9	9	7	7	10	66	14	52
Hartford.....	4	....	4	8	9	4	9	9	68	21	47
St. Louis.....	6	6	....	6	6	6	8	7	64	19	45
Boston.....	1	2	4	....	5	8	9	10	70	31	39
Louisville.....	1	1	4	5	....	5	6	8	66	36	30
Mutual.....	1	4	1	2	3	....	3	7	56	35	21
Athletic.....	1	1	0	1	2	4	....	5	59	45	14
Cincinnati.....	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	....	65	56	9
Games Lost.....	14	21	19	31	36	35	45	56	514	257	257

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1877.

	Boston.	Louisville.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Chicago.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	....	8	7	6	10	48	17	31
Louisville.....	4	....	6	10	8	48	20	28
Hartford.....	5	6	....	5	8	48	24	24
St. Louis.....	6	2	4	....	4	48	29	19
Chicago.....	2	4	7	8	....	48	30	18
Games Lost.....	17	20	24	29	30	240	120	120

108 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1878.

	Boston.	Cincinnati.	Providence.	Chicago.	Indianapolis.	Milwaukee.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston .....	....	6	6	8	10	11	60	19	41
Cincinnati.....	6	....	9	10	4	8	60	23	37
Providence	6	3	....	6	10	8	60	27	33
Chicago.....	4	2	6	....	8	10	60	30	30
Indianapolis.....	2	2	2	4	....	8	60	36	24
Milwaukee	1	2	4	2	4	....	60	45	15
Games Lost	19	23	27	30	36	45	360	180	180

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1879.

	Providence.	Boston.	Chicago.	Buffalo.	Cincinnati.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Syracuse.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Providence .....	....	8	2	6	10	8	10	6	78	23	55
Boston	4	....	4	9	7	10	11	4	78	29	49
Chicago	5	8	....	6	3	8	8	6	76	32	44
Buffalo	6	3	6	....	2	8	11	3	76	32	44
Cincinnati.	2	5	8	3	....	8	9	3	74	36	38
Cleveland	4	2	4	4	4	....	5	1	77	53	24
Troy City	2	1	3	1	2	6	....	4	75	56	19
Syracuse	0	2	0	3	3	5	2	....	42	27	15
Games Lost	23	29	32	32	36	53	56	27	576	288	288

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1880

	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Boston.	Buffalo.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	....	9	8	10	10	9	11	10	84	17	67
Providence.....	3	....	9	7	6	7	10	10	84	32	52
Cleveland.....	4	3	....	9	6	5	9	9	84	37	47
Troy City.....	2	5	3	....	5	7	11	10	83	42	41
Worcester.....	2	6	6	2	....	8	3	2	83	43	40
Boston.....	3	5	5	1	4	....	9	7	84	44	40
Buffalo.....	1	2	3	1	9	3	....	5	82	58	24
Cincinnati.....	2	2	3	1	3	5	5	....	80	59	21
Games Lost.....	17	32	37	42	43	44	58	59	664	332	332

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1881.

	Chicago...	Providence.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago .....	...	9	7	7	8	10	6	9	84	28	56
Providence.....	3	...	5	8	6	7	9	9	84	37	47
Buffalo.....	5	7	...	9	3	8	7	6	83	38	45
Detroit.....	5	4	3	...	7	8	7	7	84	43	41
Troy City.....	4	6	9	5	...	5	6	4	84	45	39
Boston.....	2	5	4	4	7	...	8	8	83	45	38
Cleveland.....	6	3	5	5	6	4	...	7	84	48	36
Worcester.....	3	3	5	5	8	3	5	...	82	50	32
Games Lost.....	28	37	38	43	45	45	48	50	668	334	334

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1882.

	Chicago.	Providence.	Buffalo.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	...	8	6	6	9	8	9	9	84	29	55
Providence.....	4	...	6	6	8	9	9	10	84	32	52
Buffalo.....	6	6	...	5	6	5	6	11	84	39	45
Boston.....	6	6	7	...	7	8	4	7	84	39	45
Cleveland.....	3	4	6	5	...	4	9	11	82	40	42
Detroit.....	4	3	7	4	7	...	8	9	83	41	42
Troy City.....	3	3	6	8	2	4	...	9	83	48	35
Worcester.....	3	2	1	5	1	3	3	...	84	66	18
	29	32	39	39	40	41	48	66	668	334	334

From the above figures we find that

Since the organization of the League in 1876, the Chicago Club has won the Championship four years, Boston two, and Providence one. The Chicago Club lost the fewest number of games in 1876, and won the greatest number in 1880. The Cincinnati Club won the fewest number of games in 1876, and Worcester lost the most in 1882. The Chicago and Boston are the only members of the League who have continued their membership since its organization in 1876, and one of these two clubs has carried off the Championship honors every year, except 1879, when it was won by Providence, Boston standing second, and Chicago third.

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS

Who have taken part in League Championship
Games for three or more seasons.

1876 to 1882, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

NAME.	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.
Adrian C. Anson.....	1	7	471	2005	733	.365
Dennis Brouthers.....	2	3	188	789	261	.330
Calvin A. McVey.....	3	3	171	784	252	.321
James L. White.....	4	7	444	1891	606	.320
A. Dalrymple.....	5	5	376	1713	547	.319
Rodger Connor.....	6	3	246	1040	328	.315
George F. Gore.....	6	4	292	1241	391	.315
Joseph Start.....	7	7	471	2123	667	.314
M. J. Kelly.....	8	5	381	1638	511	.312
Paul A. Hines.....	9	7	501	2253	711	.311
Roscoe C. Barnes.....	10	4	228	1032	319	.309
James O'Rourke.....	11	7	510	2225	681	.306
Charles W. Jones.....	12	4	271	1163	347	.298
L. P. Dickerson.....	13	4	248	1085	318	.293
Fred Dunlap.....	14	3	244	1067	311	.291
C. J. Foley.....	15	4	280	1185	338	.285
J. C. Rowe.....	16	3	213	870	245	.281
Geo. Shaffer.....	17	6	427	1741	486	.279
Jno. E. Clapp.....		6	379	1615	452	.279
E. M. Gross.....	18	3	165	647	181	.279
Chas. W. Bennett.....		4	254	994	276	.278
Thomas Burns.....	19	3	250	1020	283	.276
John A. Peters.....	20	6	384	1700	468	.275
H. Richardson.....	21	4	324	1357	371	.273
H. D. Stovey.....	22	3	239	1041	284	.272
Thomas York.....		7	469	1923	523	.272
Robert Ferguson.....	23	7	453	1881	512	.272
Wm. M. Crowley.....		4	261	1068	289	.270
James Hallinan.....	24	3	85	378	102	.269
Joseph Hornung.....		4	327	1353	364	.269
P. J. Hotaling.....	25	4	316	1370	369	.269
Geo. A. Wood.....		3	240	1014	272	.268
Wm. A. Purcell.....	26	4	281	1205	323	.268
E. N. Williamson.....		5	375	1547	415	.268
John F. Morrill.....	27	7	505	2035	547	.268
W. B. Phillips.....		4	325	1372	365	.266
E. B. Sutton.....	27	7	481	1942	513	.264

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS—CONTINUED.

NAME.	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.
Jno. Farrell	28	4	309	1322	347	.262
M. C. Dorgan	29	4	242	1044	274	.262
Philip Powers		3	98	371	97	.261
P. Gillespie	30	3	237	979	256	.261
Timothy Murnan		3	143	603	157	.260
Lewis J. Brown	31	5	252	1042	270	.259
Andrew J. Leonard	32	4	203	917	237	.258
J. P. Cassidy	33	6	318	1352	346	.256
M. Welch		3	142	535	137	.256
M. J. Kennedy	34	3	151	593	152	.255
J. J. Gerhardt		5	330	1357	346	.255
Edward Hanlon	35	3	226	910	231	.253
George Wright		5	307	1415	358	.253
F. S. Flint	36	5	367	1462	369	.252
S. P. Houck		3	214	887	224	.252
J. W. Glasscock	37	4	322	1296	326	.251
Thomas Carey		4	257	1097	276	.251
J. Lee Richmond	38	3	190	774	193	.249
Frank Larkin	39	3	163	635	157	.247
John M. Ward	40	5	365	1537	379	.246
Jno. J. Burdock		7	502	2105	518	.246
John Manning	41	3	178	733	180	.245
W. A. Harbidge	42	4	151	615	150	.244
F. E. Goldsmith	43	3	119	483	117	.242
John J. Remsen	44	5	240	965	233	.241
M. H. McGeary		5	271	1155	279	.241
Alonzo Knight	45	4	269	1113	268	.240
E. J. Caskins	46	3	211	864	207	.239
David Egger		3	141	589	141	.239
Douglas Allison	47	3	81	315	75	.238
Wm. L. Hague	48	4	225	962	228	.237
Wm. B. Foley		3	168	662	157	.237
Geo. W. Bradley	49	6	336	1319	311	.235
James McCormick	50	5	303	1179	274	.232
Jacob Evans		4	278	1097	255	.232
John Nelson	51	3	69	286	66	.229
Thomas H. Bond	52	5	292	1150	263	.228
Joseph L. Quest	53	5	337	1322	301	.227
James F. Galvin	54	4	246	933	209	.224
Chas. Reilly	55	3	109	409	91	.222
F. H. Corey	56	3	151	587	130	.221
Charles N. Snyder	57	5	306	1196	264	.220
John Richmond		4	158	618	136	.220

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS—CONTINUED.

NAME.	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.
W. W. Carpenter.....	58	3	220	889	194	.218
Lawrence Corcoran.....	59	3	158	634	138	.217
Frank Hankinson.....	60	4	250	967	208	.215
George Creamer.....	61	5	308	1139	243	.213
David W. Force.....	62	6	410	1614	336	.208
Wm. H. Holbert.....	63	6	286	1066	221	.207
B. Gilligan.....	64	4	180	680	136	.200
Robert Matthews.....	65	4	177	688	135	.196
A. J. Bushong.....	66	3	181	665	125	.188
W. H. White.....	67	3	186	683	100	.146

BATTING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games

DURING THE SEASON OF 1882.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Total Bases.	Average Total Bases per Game.
1	Brouthers....	Buffalo.....	84	351	71	0.84	129	.367	194	2.30
2	Anson	Chicago.....	82	348	69	0.84	126	.362	175	2.13
3	Start	Providence ..	82	356	58	0.70	117	.328	144	1.75
4	Connor	Troy City.....	79	339	63	0.79	111	.327	179	2.26
5	Whitney, J E	Boston.....	60	246	48	0.80	80	.325	129	2.15
6	Gore	Chicago.....	84	367	99	1.17	117	.318	154	1.83
7	Hines	Providence ..	84	379	73	0.86	117	.308	177	2.10
8	Kelly, M. J ..	Chicago.....	84	377	81	0.96	113	.305	164	1.95
	Foley	Buffalo.....	84	341	51	0.60	104	.305	142	1.69
9	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	80	328	40	0.50	100	.304	150	1.87
10	Hornung.....	Boston.....	84	382	67	0.79	115	.301	154	1.83
11	Dalrymple...	Chicago.....	84	397	96	1.14	117	.294	167	1.98
12	Morrill	Boston.....	82	342	73	0.89	99	.289	148	1.80
13	Stovey	Worcester ..	84	360	90	1.07	104	.288	152	1.80
14	Glasscock ..	Cleveland.....	82	350	65	0.79	100	.285	156	1.90
	O'Rourke....	Buffalo	84	370	62	0.73	104	.281	142	1.69
15	White.....	"	83	337	51	0.61	95	.281	119	1.43
	Williamson..	Chicago.....	82	348	66	0.80	98	.281	144	1.75
16	Richmond, J L	Worcester ..	55	228	50	0.90	64	.280	98	1.78
17	Dunlap	Cleveland.....	82	356	65	0.79	99	.278	125	1.52
18	Purcell	Buffalo	84	380	79	0.94	105	.276	141	1.67
19	Ewing.....	Troy City.....	72	318	65	0.90	87	.273	131	1.81
20	Richardson..	Buffalo	83	354	61	0.73	96	.271	137	1.65
21	Hayes.....	Worcester ..	78	326	27	0.34	88	.269	130	1.66
22	Deasley.....	Boston.....	66	258	35	0.53	69	.267	77	1.16
	York	Providence ..	81	321	48	0.59	86	.267	125	1.54
23	Rowe, J. C. ..	Buffalo	75	308	43	0.57	82	.266	111	1.48
	Phillips.....	Cleveland.....	76	327	38	0.50	87	.266	129	1.69
24	Gillespie....	Troy City.....	72	290	44	0.61	77	.265	93	1.29
25	Briody	Cleveland ..	52	186	29	0.55	49	.263	61	1.17
	Wood	Detroit.....	81	360	63	0.77	95	.263	150	1.85
26	Sutton.....	Boston.....	80	313	44	0.55	80	.255	96	1.20
27	Farrell, Jno..	Providence ..	84	366	67	0.79	93	.254	138	1.64
	Ferguson	Troy City.....	79	310	41	0.51	79	.254	99	1.25
28	Hotaling	Boston.....	83	371	64	0.77	94	.253	119	1.43
29	Muldoon	Cleveland.....	82	333	49	0.59	84	.252	128	1.56
30	Flint.....	Chicago.....	81	331	48	0.59	83	.250	129	1.59
31	Welch.....	Troy City.....	37	14	23	0.62	35	.248	43	1.16
	Burns.....	Chicago.....	84	355	55	0.65	88	.247	123	1.46
32	Powell	Detroit.....	77	323	42	0.54	80	.247	98	1.27
	Corey.....	Worcester ..	63	255	38	0.52	63	.247	94	1.49
	Rowe, D. E ..	Cleveland.....	23	89	10	0.43	22	.247	33	1.43

BATTING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Pl'd.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Bases.	Percentage of B. Hits per Times at Bat	Total Bases.	Average Total Bases per Game.
33	Esterbrook..	Cleveland.....	45	179	13	0.29	44	.246	55	1.22
	Trott	Detroit.....	30	126	11	0.36	31	.246	39	1.30
	Farrell, J. F.	"	66	268	33	0.50	66	.246	85	1.28
	Denny	Providence	84	329	54	0.64	81	.246	115	1.37
34	Ward	"	83	355	58	0.69	87	.245	105	1.26
	Rowan	Boston.....	82	322	35	0.42	79	.245	96	1.17
	Troy	Det. and Prov...	42	163	23	0.54	40	.245	52	1.23
35	Force	Buffalo	73	278	39	0.53	67	.241	82	1.12
36	Doscher	Cleveland.....	25	104	6	0.24	25	.240	27	1.08
37	Burdock	Boston.....	82	313	36	0.44	75	.239	95	1.15
	Radbourne...	Providence	83	326	30	0.36	78	.239	92	1.10
38	Smith	Troy and Wor..	54	218	37	0.68	52	.238	68	1.26
39	Hanlon	Detroit	79	330	66	0.83	78	.236	121	1.53
	Roseman	Troy City.....	80	322	41	0.51	76	.236	110	1.37
40	Mann	Worcester	19	77	12	0.63	18	.233	23	1.21
41	Mountain....	"	25	86	9	0.36	20	.232	32	1.28
42	Goldsmith....	Chicago.....	44	183	23	0.52	42	.229	57	1.29
43	Creamer	Worcester	81	284	27	0.33	65	.228	96	1.18
44	Keefe	Troy City.....	51	186	24	0.47	42	.225	67	1.31
	Wise	Boston.....	77	293	43	0.55	66	.225	98	1.27
45	Matthews	"	45	169	17	0.37	38	.224	45	1.00
46	Gilligan	Providence	55	201	32	0.58	45	.223	64	1.16
47	Pfeffer	Troy City.....	83	321	26	0.31	71	.221	88	1.06
48	Irwin	Worcester	84	333	30	0.35	73	.219	92	1.09
49	Shaffer	Cleveland.....	82	307	37	0.45	67	.218	95	1.15
50	Weidman	Detroit.....	50	193	20	0.40	42	.217	52	1.04
51	McCormick...	Cleveland.....	67	254	34	0.50	55	.216	75	1.12
52	Galvin	Buffalo	54	206	21	0.39	44	.213	56	1.03
53	Evans	Worcester	80	334	33	0.41	71	.212	88	1.10
54	Corcoran	Chicago.....	41	169	23	0.56	35	.207	52	1.26
55	Nava	Providence	27	97	15	0.55	20	.206	22	0.81
56	Knight	Detroit.....	83	333	35	0.42	68	.204	89	1.07
57	Derby	"	38	138	12	0.31	28	.202	32	0.84
	O'Brien	Worcester	22	89	9	0.41	18	.202	21	0.95
58	Quest	Chicago.....	42	159	23	0.54	32	.201	40	0.95
59	Nicol	"	47	186	19	0.40	37	.198	51	1.08
60	McLaughlin.	Worcester	15	58	7	0.46	11	.189	18	1.20
61	Harbidge,...	Troy City.....	32	123	11	0.34	23	.187	27	0.84
62	Holbert	"	68	242	23	0.33	45	.186	50	0.73
63	Bradley	Cleveland	29	109	16	0.55	20	.183	25	0.86
64	Eagan	Troy City.....	29	110	14	0.48	20	.181	25	0.86
65	Cassidy	"	29	121	14	0.48	21	.173	26	0.89
66	Richmond, J.	Cleveland	40	140	12	0.30	24	.171	33	0.82
67	Clinton	Worcester	26	98	9	0.34	16	.163	18	0.69
	Dailey	Buffalo	29	110	10	0.34	18	.168	26	0.89
68	Wright	Providence	45	185	14	0.31	30	.162	36	0.80
69	Bushong	Worcester	69	253	20	0.29	40	.158	49	0.71
70	Dolan	Buffalo.....	22	89	12	0.54	14	.157	19	0.86
71	McGeary	Detroit	33	127	14	0.42	19	.149	25	0.76
72	Whitney, A..	Prov. and Det..	40	147	12	0.30	21	.142	21	0.52
73	Kelly, Jno...	Cleveland.....	29	104	6	0.20	14	.134	16	0.55
74	Manning	Providence	19	76	7	0.37	8	.105	8	0.42
75	Forster	Detroit	20	71	5	0.25	7	.098	7	0.35
76	Tilley	Cleveland.....	15	56	2	0.13	5	.089	8	0.53

FIELDING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games.

SEASON OF 1882.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accept'd
1	Brouthers.....	Buffalo.....	84	882	19	24	925	.974
2	Start.....	Providence.....	82	905	21	25	951	.973
3	Phillips.....	Cleveland.....	75	809	24	24	857	.972
4	Morrill.....	Boston.....	75	726	16	26	768	.966
5	Stovey.....	Worcester.....	43	469	13	22	504	.956
6	Anson.....	Chicago.....	82	810	27	45	882	.948
7	Connor.....	Troy City.....	41	423	22	24	469	.948
7	Smith.....	Troy and Worcester...	54	550	17	33	600	.945
8	Powell.....	Detroit.....	77	680	14	44	738	.940

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Burdock.....	Boston.....	82	213	251	35	499	.929
2	Ferguson.....	Troy City.....	77	239	216	43	498	.913
3	Burns.....	Chicago.....	43	129	127	25	281	.911
4	Creamer.....	Worcester.....	81	241	283	54	578	.906
5	Richardson.....	Buffalo.....	83	275	280	63	618	.898
6	Dunlap.....	Cleveland.....	82	265	289	63	617	.897
7	Quest.....	Chicago.....	41	113	127	33	273	.879
7	Farrell, J. F.....	Detroit.....	17	63	46	15	124	.879
8	Farrell, Jno.....	Providence.....	84	212	283	71	566	.874
9	Troy.....	Detroit and Providence	29	73	72	29	174	.833
10	Forster.....	Detroit.....	20	53	51	22	126	.825

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Ewing.....	Troy City.....	41	69	108	22	199	.889
2	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	82	108	210	43	361	.880
3	Muldoon.....	Cleveland.....	60	84	125	29	238	.878
4	Denny.....	Providence.....	84	136	206	55	397	.861
4	Sutton.....	Boston.....	76	98	144	39	281	.861
5	Doscher.....	Cleveland.....	23	33	45	13	91	.857
6	Whitney, A.....	Providence and Detroit	21	40	41	14	95	.852
7	Irwin.....	Worcester.....	51	84	147	45	276	.837
7	White.....	Buffalo.....	63	59	111	33	203	.837
8	Farrell, J. F.....	Detroit.....	41	47	65	26	138	.811
9	Mann.....	Worcester.....	18	24	28	22	74	.702

LEAGUE PLAYERS AVERAGES.
FIELDING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*
SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accept'd
1	McGeary.....	Detroit.....	32	52	106	11	169	.935
2	Force.....	Buffalo.....	61	66	209	28	203	.907
3	Glasscock.....	Cleveland.....	82	109	307	44	460	.904
4	Rowe, J. C.....	Buffalo.....	23	7	70	11	88	.875
5	Wright.....	Providence.....	45	46	133	26	205	.873
6	Pfeffer.....	Troy City.....	81	160	270	72	502	.856
7	Wise.....	Boston.....	71	84	197	49	330	.851
8	Corey.....	Worcester.....	25	28	75	18	121	.851
9	Irwin.....	".....	33	41	123	33	197	.832
10	Whitney, A.....	Providence and Detroit	18	23	55	16	94	.829
11	Burns.....	Chicago.....	41	60	131	40	231	.826
12	Kelly, M. J.....	".....	41	66	117	43	226	.809
13	Manning.....	Providence.....	17	17	42	16	75	.786

FIELDERS.

1	Horning.....	Boston.....	83	187	14	15	216	.930
2	Richmond, Jno.....	Cleveland.....	40	65	12	7	84	.916
3	Evans.....	Worcester.....	67	131	31	16	178	.910
4	Esterbrook.....	Cleveland.....	44	102	15	14	131	.893
5	Wood.....	Detroit.....	81	159	14	21	194	.891
6	Kelly, M. J.....	Chicago.....	36	50	21	9	80	.887
7	Nicol.....	".....	36	59	27	11	97	.886
8	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	79	187	17	26	230	.886
9	Rowan.....	Boston.....	46	47	7	7	61	.885
10	Muldoon.....	Cleveland.....	22	46	4	7	57	.877
11	Dalrymple.....	Chicago.....	84	185	8	27	220	.877
12	Yorke.....	Providence.....	81	159	11	24	194	.876
13	Knight.....	Detroit.....	81	105	24	19	148	.871
14	O'Rourke.....	Buffalo.....	79	140	15	24	179	.865
15	Hotaling.....	Boston.....	83	148	16	26	190	.863
16	Hines.....	Providence.....	82	151	16	27	194	.860
17	Roseman.....	Troy City.....	80	105	21	21	147	.857
18	Tilly.....	Cleveland.....	15	32	4	6	42	.857
19	Hayes.....	Worcester.....	56	93	13	18	124	.854
20	Gore.....	Chicago.....	84	153	23	33	209	.842
21	Connor.....	Troy City.....	24	51	2	10	63	.841
22	Harbidge.....	".....	23	43	3	9	55	.836
23	Foley.....	Buffalo.....	84	118	22	28	168	.833
24	Radbourne.....	Providence.....	29	49	5	5	59	.830
25	Ward.....	".....	49	69	20	19	108	.824
26	Gillespie.....	Troy City.....	72	138	9	32	179	.821
27	Purcell.....	Buffalo.....	80	144	11	34	189	.820
28	Rowe, D. E.....	Cleveland.....	22	28	3	7	38	.815
29	Stovey.....	Worcester.....	41	88	12	23	123	.813
30	Shaffer.....	Cleveland.....	82	109	15	30	154	.805
31	O'Brien.....	Worcester.....	20	41	4	12	57	.789
32	Cassidy.....	Troy City.....	16	19	2	6	27	.777
33	Clinton.....	Worcester.....	26	43	4	17	64	.734
34	Eagan.....	Troy City.....	15	18	2	12	32	.625

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Deasley	Boston	53	357	54	18	41	470	.874
	Bennett.....	Detroit	62	430	66	30	41	567	.874
2	Gilligan	Providence	53	287	82	27	41	437	.844
3	Rowe, J C.....	Buffalo	44	246	41	15	38	340	.844
3	Flint	Chicago	79	440	91	37	64	632	.840
4	Ewing	Troy City.....	25	103	45	20	12	180	.822
5	Trott	Detroit	21	163	37	25	21	251	.816
6	Bushong.....	Worcester	69	308	101	47	56	512	.798
7	Holbert.....	Troy City.....	53	238	118	45	51	452	.787
8	Rowan.....	Boston	31	197	45	32	35	309	.783
9	Briody.....	Cleveland	52	238	88	35	68	429	.759
0	Dolan.....	Buffalo	17	70	26	6	27	129	.744
11	Nava	Providence	26	112	31	22	28	193	.740
12	White	Buffalo	20	114	39	22	36	211	.725
3	Kelly, Jno.....	Cleveland	29	113	35	37	52	237	.624
4	Hayes	Worcester	15	57	16	15	33	121	.603

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat of Opponents	Runs Scored by Opponents	Average per Game.	Number of First Base Hits Made by Opponents.	Percentage of Base Hits to Times at Bat of Opponents.	Number of Bases Made by Opponents on Called Balls.	Average per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Bradley	Cleveland ...	17	641	108	6.35	178	.277	19	1.11	10	74	9	8	98	.857
Corcoran	Chicago	41	1450	169	4.12	302	.208	67	1.63	22	236	6	17	283	.911
Corey	Worcester ...	16	653	151	9.43	209	.320	18	1.12	7	68	6	22	103	.728
Dailey	Buffalo	29	1040	165	5.68	256	.246	75	2.58	1	144	4	11	160	.906
Derby	Detroit	36	1384	243	6.75	344	.248	77	2.13	18	251	4	10	283	.951
Galvin	Buffalo	50	1817	256	5.12	472	.259	40	0.80	20	248	8	18	294	.911
Goldsmith	Chicago	43	1539	184	4.28	363	.232	33	0.76	26	174	6	13	219	.913
Keefe	Troy City	41	1488	218	5.31	357	.239	61	1.48	32	225	11	8	276	.931
Matthews	Boston	34	1236	168	4.94	283	.228	25	0.73	5	194	6	10	215	.925
Mountain	Worcester ...	16	614	110	6.87	184	.299	36	2.25	6	53	4	21	84	.702
McCormick	Cleveland ...	65	2255	290	4.46	549	.243	94	1.44	43	300	13	20	376	.912
Richmond, J. L.	Worcester ...	47	1786	340	7.23	503	.281	90	1.91	15	220	14	27	276	.851
Radbourne	Providence ...	54	1918	234	4.33	446	.232	47	0.87	22	203	11	18	254	.885
Weidman	Detroit	46	1712	220	4.78	412	.240	41	0.89	35	232	11	7	285	.936
Welch	Troy City	30	1096	191	6.36	306	.279	62	2.06	10	99	10	16	135	.807
Whitney, J. E.	Boston	45	1597	205	4.55	382	.239	44	0.97	13	261	11	27	312	.878
Ward	Providence ...	30	1093	122	4.06	243	.222	35	1.16	18	145	6	14	183	.890

BATTING AND FIELDING

Record of Clubs, Members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs,

SEASON OF 1882.

NAME OF CLUB.	BATTING.										FIELDING.				
	Games Played.	Games Won.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Average per Game.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Total Bases.	Average per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	"Passed Balls" and "Wild Pitches."	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Chicago	84	55	3224	603	7.17	802	.276	1259	14.98	2261	1343	381	101	4086	.882
Providence	84	52	3104	463	5.51	776	.250	1040	12.38	2267	1272	369	110	4018	.887
Buffalo	84	45	3128	500	5.95	856	.274	1169	13.91	2193	1289	319	139	3940	.883
Boston	84	45	3066	468	5.57	810	.264	1073	12.77	2218	1283	312	115	3928	.891
Cleveland	82	42	2941	380	4.75	702	.238	974	11.88	2193	1347	352	158	4050	.874
Detroit	83	42	3011	387	4.66	689	.232	959	11.55	2278	1269	383	79	4009	.884
Troy City	83	35	2975	416	5.01	723	.243	983	11.84	2215	1312	427	112	4066	.867
Worcester	84	18	2284	379	4.52	689	.230	960	11.42	2208	1348	477	167	4200	.840
Total	608	334	24433	3606	5.39	6149	.251	8417	12.60	17833	10463	3020	981	32297	.870

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				Winning Club.	Losing Club.
May 19	Detroit vs. Buffalo	Detroit	Detroit	14	11
" 20	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland ..	Buffalo	3	2
" 20	Troy City vs. Boston	Troy	Troy City..	14	3
" 20	Chicago vs. Detroit	Chicago ..	Chicago ...	5	3
" 22	" "	"	"	12	2
" 22	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester .	Worcester .	5	3
" 22	Troy City vs. Boston	Troy	Boston	7	3
" 23	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	3
" 23	Chicago vs. Detroit	Chicago ...	Detroit	3	2
" 23	Troy City vs. Boston	Troy	Troy City..	1	0
" 24	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	1
" 24	Providence vs. Worcester	Providence	Providence	5	3
" 25	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Detroit	8	0
" 25	Buffalo vs. Cleveland	Buffalo	Buffalo	20	1
" 26	" "	"	Cleveland..	9	8
" 26	Boston vs. Providence	Boston	Providence	7	4
" 26	Troy City vs. Worcester	Troy	Troy City..	9	5
" 26	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Chicago ...	7	3
" 27	Providence vs. Boston	Providence	Providence	4	1
" 27	Troy City vs. Worcester	Troy	Worcester .	6	4
" 29	" "	"	"	6	4
" 29	Buffalo vs. Cleveland	Buffalo	Buffalo	9	8
" 29	Boston vs. Providence	Boston	Boston	3	2
" 30	Providence vs. Detroit	Providence	Providence	4	0
" 30	Boston vs. Buffalo	Boston	Boston	11	3
" 30	Troy City vs. Chicago	Albany	Chicago ...	9	3
" 30	" "	Troy	Troy City..	5	4
" 30	Worcester vs. Cleveland	Worcester .	Cleveland .	10	2
" 31	" "	"	"	10	6
" 31	Troy City vs. Chicago	Troy	Troy City..	5	2
" 31	Boston vs. Buffalo	Boston	Buffalo	13	7
" 31	Providence vs. Detroit	Providence	Detroit	6	4
June 1	Worcester vs. Cleveland	Worcester .	Cleveland..	13	3
" 2	Boston vs. Buffalo	Boston	Boston	6	5
" 2	Providence vs. Detroit	Providence	Providence	8	7
" 3	" " Buffalo	"	Buffalo	6	3
" 3	Worcester vs. Chicago	Worcester .	Worcester .	10	3
" 5	Boston vs. Detroit	Boston	Boston	10	2
" 6	" "	"	Detroit	4	2
" 6	Worcester vs. Chicago	Worcester .	Worcester..	6	3
" 6	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	15	7
" 6	Troy City vs. Cleveland	Troy	Troy City..	1	0
" 7	" " Buffalo	"	Cleveland..	7	2
" 7	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	10	0
" 7	Worcester vs. Chicago	Worcester .	Chicago ...	6	3
" 7	Boston vs. Detroit	Boston	Boston	4	2
" 8	Troy City vs. Cleveland	Troy	Cleveland..	4	1
" 9	" " Buffalo	"	Troy City..	7	2
" 9	Providence vs. Chicago	Providence	Chicago ...	14	4
" 9	Worcester vs. Detroit	Worcester..	Detroit	7	4

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				Winning Club.	Losing Club.
June 9	Boston vs. Cleveland	Boston	Boston.....	4	0
" 10	" "	"	Cleveland..	6	2
" 10	Worcester vs. Detroit.....	Worcester ..	Detroit	10	2
" 10	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence ..	Providence ..	7	6
" 10	Troy City vs. Buffalo	Troy.....	Troy City..	17	4
" 12	" "	"	"	15	4
" 12	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston	Boston	10	4
" 12	Worcester vs. Detroit	Worcester..	Detroit	7	5
" 12	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence ..	Chicago ...	13	9
" 14	Troy City vs. Detroit.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	13	4
" 14	Worcester vs. Buffalo	Worcester ..	Buffalo	11	2
" 14	Boston vs. Chicago	Boston	Boston	7	5
" 14	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence ..	Providence ..	2	1
" 15	" "	"	Cleveland..	4	2
" 15	Worcester vs. Buffalo	Worcester ..	Worcester ..	6	3
" 15	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston	Boston	14	13
" 16	Troy City vs. Detroit	Troy.....	Detroit	11	8
" 16	Worcester vs. Buffalo	Worcester ..	Buffalo	4	3
" 17	Troy City vs. Detroit.....	Troy.....	Detroit	8	4
" 17	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston	Chicago ...	9	2
" 17	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence ..	Providence ..	8	1
" 19	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Chicago ...	12	0
" 20	" Providence	"	Providence ..	12	3
" 20	Chicago vs. Worcester.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	13	3
" 20	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	3
" 20	Buffalo vs. Troy City.....	Buffalo	Troy City..	5	1
" 21	Chicago vs. Worcester.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	13	3
" 21	Detroit vs. Providence.....	Detroit	Detroit	8	6
" 21	Cleveland vs. Boston	Cleveland ..	Boston	2	1
" 21	Buffalo vs. Troy City.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	10	4
" 22	Cleveland vs. Boston	Cleveland..	Boston	9	4
" 22	Detroit vs. Providence.....	Detroit	Providence ..	15	5
" 22	Chicago vs. Worcester	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	8	7
" 22	Buffalo vs. Troy City.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	17	6
" 24	" Boston	"	Boston	8	2
" 24	Cleveland vs. Troy City	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	4
" 24	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago ...	Providence ..	7	2
" 26	" "	"	Chicago ...	9	0
" 26	Detroit vs. Worcester.....	Detroit	Detroit	8	7
" 26	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	6	3
" 26	Cleveland vs. Troy City	Cleveland ..	Cleveland..	8	4
" 27	" "	"	Troy City..	2	0
" 27	Buffalo vs. Boston	Buffalo	Boston	13	8
" 27	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	8	1
" 27	Detroit vs. Worcester.....	Detroit	Detroit	11	0
" 28	" "	"	"	5	4
" 29	Cleveland vs. Worcester.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	2
" 29	Detroit vs. Troy City.....	Detroit	Detroit	4	3
" 29	Buffalo vs. Providence	Buffalo	Buffalo	8	6
" 29	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	9	2

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING □ CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				Winning Club.	Losing Club.
June 30	Chicago vs. Boston	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	9	0
" 30	Cleveland vs. Worcester.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	4
July 1	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	5	3
" 1	Chicago vs. Boston	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	6	5
" 1	Buffalo vs. Providence.....	Buffalo	Providence	4	3
" 1	Detroit vs. Troy City	Detroit	Troy City..	11	5
" 3	" " " "	" " " "	Detroit	13	3
" 3	Buffalo vs. Providence.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	13	4
" 4	" " Worcester.....	" " " "	" " " "	9	5
" 4	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	18	8
" 4	Chicago vs. Troy City	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	5	1
" 4	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	9	5
" 4	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit	Detroit	2	1
" 4	" " " "	" " " "	Boston	14	1
" 4	Cleveland vs. Providence.....	Cleveland..	Providence	5	1
" 4	" " " "	" " " "	Cleveland..	4	1
" 6	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	2	1
" 6	Buffalo vs. Worcester	Buffalo	Buffalo	11	1
" 6	Detroit vs. Boston	Detroit	Boston	10	4
" 8	Chicago vs. Troy City	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	3	0
" 11	" " Detroit.....	" " " "	" " " "	8	4
" 11	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	5
" 11	Worcester vs. Boston	Worcester .	Boston	3	2

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				WINNING CLUB.	LOSING CLUB.
July 11	Troy City vs. Providence.....	Troy City..	Providence	6	3
" 12	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	6	4
" 12	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago....	Detroit....	2	1
" 12	Boston vs. Worcester.....	Boston....	Worcester..	4	1
" 12	Cleveland vs. Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	Buffalo....	7	2
" 13	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2	0
" 13	Troy City vs. Providence.....	Troy.....	Providence..	5	3
" 13	Worcester vs. Boston.....	Worcester..	Worcester..	7	1
" 14	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago...	Chicago...	23	4
" 15	" " vs. Buffalo.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5	4
" 15	Providence vs. Boston.....	Providence..	Boston....	10	7
" 15	Detroit vs. Cleveland.....	Detroit....	Cleveland..	4	1
" 17	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	10	8
" 17	Troy City vs. Worcester.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	8	4
" 18	Detroit vs. Cleveland.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	5	3
" 18	Troy City vs. Worcester.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	11	8
" 18	Boston vs. Providence.....	Boston....	Boston....	9	7
" 18	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago...	Chicago....	3	2
" 19	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	4	3
" 19	Providence vs. Boston.....	Providence..	Providence..	1	0
" 20	Boston vs. Providence.....	Boston....	Boston....	5	3
" 20	Troy City vs. Worcester.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	8	4
" 21	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	1
" 21	Detroit vs. Buffalo.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	6	2
" 22	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	3	0
" 22	Providence vs. Worcester.....	Providence..	Providence..	10	6
" 22	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
" 24	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	35	4
" 24	Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	10	0
" 24	Providence vs. Worcester.....	Providence..	Providence..	10	6
" 24	Detroit vs. Buffalo.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	15	1
" 25	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	7	5
" 25	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago....	Cleveland..	3	2
" 25	Worcester vs. Providence.....	Worcester..	Providence..	10	5
" 25	Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	11	8
" 26	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5	3
" 26	Providence vs. Worcester.....	Providence..	Providence..	6	5
" 27	Detroit vs. Chicago.....	Detroit....	Chicago....	6	3
" 28	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	3	2
" 28	Providence vs. Troy City.....	Providence..	Providence..	7	4
" 28	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	9	6
" 28	Worcester vs. Boston.....	Worcester..	Worcester..	12	11
" 29	Boston vs. Worcester.....	Boston....	Boston....	5	1
" 29	Providence vs. Troy City.....	Providence..	Troy City..	12	6
" 29	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo....	Cleveland..	11	3
" 29	Detroit vs. Chicago.....	Detroit....	Chicago....	17	1
" 31	Boston vs. Worcester.....	Boston....	Boston....	9	4
" 31	Providence vs. Troy City.....	Providence..	Providence..	10	4
" 31	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	6	5
Aug. 3	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	8	3

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				WINNING CLUB.	LOSING CLUB.
Aug. 3	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence.	Providence.	5	3
" 3	Troy City vs. Buffalo	Troy.....	Buffalo.....	7	3
" 4	" " ".....	"	Troy City..	8	7
" 4	Worcester vs. Detroit.....	Worcester..	Detroit....	8	2
" 4	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence.	Providence	3	0
" 5	" " Cleveland..	"	Cleveland..	2	1
" 5	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston	Chicago....	12	2
" 5	Worcester vs. Detroit.....	Worcester..	Worcester .	9	5
" 7	" " ".....	"	Detroit	9	5
" 7	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston.....	Boston	18	2
" 8	Troy City vs. Buffalo.....	Troy.....	Troy City..	2	1
" 9	" " Detroit.	"	"	7	2
" 9	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston	Boston	4	3
" 9	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Chicago ...	3	1
" 9	Worcester vs. Buffalo	Worcester .	Buffalo	4	1
" 10	" " ".....	"	"	13	9
" 10	Troy City vs. Detroit.....	Troy	Troy City..	5	4
" 10	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston.....	Cleveland..	3	0
" 10	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence.	Providence.	10	8
" 12	" " ".....	"	"	2	0
" 12	Worcester vs. Buffalo.....	Worcester .	Buffalo.....	7	4
" 12	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston.....	Boston	5	0
" 14	Troy City vs. Detroit.....	Troy	Detroit.....	6	0
" 16	Providence vs. "	Providence	Providence	13	4
" 16	Troy City vs. Chicago.....	Troy	Troy City..	4	1
" 17	" " ".....	"	Chicago ...	7	4
" 17	Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence.	Providence	1	0
" 17	Boston vs. Buffalo	Boston.....	Buffalo.....	6	1
" 17	Worcester vs. Cleveland.....	Worcester..	Cleveland..	13	10
" 18	" " ".....	"	"	22	7
" 18	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Boston	9	8
" 19	" " ".....	"	Buffalo	4	1
" 19	Providence vs. Detroit	Providence	Providence.	9	8
" 19	Worcester vs. Cleveland.	Worcester .	Cleveland..	14	7
" 21	Troy City vs. Chicago	Troy City..	Chicago....	12	3
" 22	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston.....	Boston.....	9	2
" 22	Worcester vs. Chicago.....	Worcester .	Chicago....	9	1
" 23	" " ".....	"	Worcester .	14	5
" 23	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston.....	Boston	7	2
" 23	Troy City vs. Cleveland.....	Troy.....	Cleveland .	5	2
" 24	Boston vs. Detroit.	Boston	Boston	4	0
" 24	Worcester vs. Chicago.....	Worcester .	Chicago....	5	3
" 24	Providence vs. Buffalo.....	Providence.	Buffalo	4	0
" 25	" " ".....	"	Providence	5	4
" 25	Troy City vs. Cleveland.....	Troy	Cleveland .	9	3
" 26	" " ".....	"	"	3	0
" 26	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence.	Buffalo.....	6	4
" 29	Detroit vs. Troy City	Detroit....	Detroit.....	4	3
" 29	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago ...	Boston.....	3	1
" 29	Cleveland vs. Worcester.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland .	5	4

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WINNING CLUB.	WHERE PLAYED.	RUNS SCORED.	
				WINNING CLUB.	LOSING CLUB.
Aug. 31	Cleveland vs. Worcester.....	Cleveland	Cleveland	5	4
" 31	Buffalo vs. Providence.....	Buffalo....	Providence	4	2
Sept. 1	" " " " " " " " " "	"	Buffalo	6	2
" 1	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago ...	7	1
" 1	Detroit vs. Troy City	Detroit....	Detroit....	1	0
" 2	Buffalo vs. Providence.....	Buffalo....	Providence.	2	1
" 2	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Boston....	7	2
" 4	Detroit vs. Troy City	Detroit....	Detroit....	6	4
" 4	Cleveland vs. Worcester.	Cleveland.	Worcester..	10	3
" 5	Cleveland vs. Providence	"	Providence.	4	3
" 5	Buffalo vs. Worcester.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo	5	2
" 5	Chicago vs. Troy City	Chicago ...	Chicago....	10	0
" 5	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit....	Detroit	6	0
" 7	" " " " " " " " " "	"	Boston....	10	3
" 7	Chicago vs. Troy City.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	7	1
" 7	Buffalo vs. Worcester.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo	10	1
" 7	Cleveland vs. Providence.....	Cleveland..	Providence	2	0
" 9	" " " " " " " " " "	"	"	5	0
" 9	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit	Detroit	3	0
" 9	Chicago vs. Troy City.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	24	1
" 9	Buffalo vs. Worcester.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	13	2
" 12	" " " " " " " " " "	"	"	9	4
" 12	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	6	4
" 12	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland .	Boston	8	6
" 12	Detroit vs. Worcester.....	Detroit....	Worcester..	8	5
" 13	" " " " " " " " " "	"	Detroit....	8	2
" 13	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	6	5
" 13	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland .	6	2
" 13	Buffalo vs. Troy City.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	5	2
" 14	" " " " " " " " " "	"	"	9	6
" 14	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	2
" 14	Detroit vs. Worcester.....	Detroit	Worcester .	5	2
" 14	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland .	3	2
" 16	" " " " " " " " " "	"	"	8	4
" 16	Chicago vs. Worcester.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	5	1
" 16	Detroit vs. Providence.....	Detroit	Detroit	2	1
" 16	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	3	1
" 18	" " " " " " " " " "	"	Boston	8	2
" 18	Cleveland vs. Troy City.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland .	6	5
" 19	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo	Boston....	8	6
" 19	Detroit vs. Providence.....	Detroit....	Providence	6	2
" 19	Chicago vs. Worcester.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	13	5
" 20	" " " " " " " " " "	"	"	5	0
" 20	Detroit vs. Providence.....	Detroit	Providence.	6	5
" 22	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland .	15	6
" 22	Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	4	1
" 22	Boston vs. Troy City.....	Boston....	Troy City..	7	3
" 23	Providence vs. Worcester.....	Providence	Providence	4	0
" 23	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Chicago....	8	0
" 23	Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	15	1

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—*Continued.*

DATE. 1882.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WINNING CLUBS.	WHERE PLAYED.	RUNS SCORED.	
				WINNING CLUBS.	LOSING CLUB.
Sept. 25	Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	7	4
" 25	Boston vs. Troy City.....	Boston	Boston	8	6
" 25	Worcester vs. Providence.....	Worcester .	Worcester .	4	3
" 25	" ".....	"	Providence	8	6
" 25	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Chicago....	2	1
" 26	Boston vs. Troy City.....	Boston	Troy City..	1	0
" 26	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo	Chicago....	8	7
" 27	Worcester vs. Troy City.....	Worcester..	Troy City..	11	8
" 27	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago,...	Chicago....	8	1
" 28	" ".....	"	"	11	5
" 28	Worcester vs. Troy City.....	Worcester .	Troy City..	4	1
" 28	Cleveland vs. Detroit	Cleveland..	Detroit	4	2
" 29	Cleveland vs. ".....	"	Cleveland..	9	0
" 29	Worcester vs. Troy City.....	Worcester .	Troy City..	10	7
" 30	Chicago vs. Buffalo	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	5
" 30	Boston vs. Providence	Boston.....	Providence	3	1
Oct. 1	Providence vs. Boston.....	Providence.	Boston.....	2	1
Total.....				2559	1047

Total Number of Runs Scored, 3,606.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS.

Chicago.....	603	Opponents,	353
Providence.....	463	"	356
Buffalo.....	500	"	462
Boston.....	468	"	407
Cleveland.....	390	"	398
Detroit.....	387	"	470
Troy City.....	416	"	508
Worcester.....	379	"	652
		3606	3606

Average number of runs scored per game by winning clubs.....7.66
 Average number of runs scored per game by losing clubs.....3.13

SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1883.

1883.	At Chicago.	At Detroit.	At Cleveland.	At Buffalo.	At Boston.	At Providence.	At New York.	At Philadel'a.
Chicago.		May 1	June 23	June 20	June 14	June 8	June 2	*May 30
		" 2	" 25	" 21	" 15	" 9	" 4	† " 30
		" 3	" 26	" 22	" 16	" 11	" 5	" 31
		June 27	Aug. 17	Aug. 11	" 18	" 12	" 6	June 1
		Aug. 7	" 18	" 13	Sept. 11	Sept. 15	Sept. 21	Sept. 27
Detroit.		" 8	" 20	" 14	" 12	" 18	" 22	" 28
		" 9	" 21	" 15	" 13	" 19	" 25	" 29
	May 5		June 20	June 23	June 8	June 14	*May 30	June 2
	" 7		" 21	" 25	" 9	" 15	† " 30	" 4
	" 8		" 22	" 26	" 11	" 16	" 31	" 5
Cleveland.	Sept. 4		Aug. 11	Aug. 17	" 12	" 18	June 1	" 6
	" 5		" 13	" 18	Sept. 15	Sept. 11	Sept. 27	Sept. 21
	" 6		" 14	" 20	" 18	" 12	" 28	" 22
	" 8		" 15	" 21	" 19	" 13	" 29	" 24
Buffalo.	*July 4	June 28		May 5	*May 3	†May 30	June 14	June 8
	† " 4	" 29		" 7	June 4	" 31	" 15	" 9
	" 6	" 30		" 8	" 5	June 1	" 16	" 10
	" 7	July 2		Sept. 4	" 6	" 2	" 17	" 11
	Aug. 29	Aug. 23		" 5	Sept. 27	Sept. 21	Sept. 15	Sept. 11
Boston.	" 30	" 24		" 6	" 28	" 22	" 18	" 12
	Sept. 1	" 25		" 8	" 29	" 25	" 19	" 13
	June 28	*July 4	May 1		†May 30	*May 30	June 8	June 14
	" 29	† " 4	" 2		" 31	June 4	" 9	" 15
	" 30	" 6	" 3		June 1	" 5	" 11	" 16
Providence.	July 2	" 7	June 27		" 2	" 6	" 12	" 10
	Aug. 23	Aug. 29	Aug. 7		Sept. 21	Sept. 27	Sept. 11	Sept. 18
	" 24	" 30	Aug. 8		" 22	" 28	" 12	" 19
	" 25	Sept. 1	" 9		" 25	" 29	" 13	" 20
New York.	May 19	May 24	May 15	May 10		June 29	May 1	May 4
	" 21	" 25	" 16	" 11		July 3	" 2	" 5
	" 22	" 26	" 17	" 12		Aug. 7	" 3	" 6
	July 17	July 10	July 31	July 24		" 9	*July 4	†July 4
	" 18	" 11	Aug. 1	" 25		" 25	Aug. 30	" 6
Phil'a.	" 19	" 12	" 2	" 26		Sept. 6	" 31	" 7
	" 21	" 14	" 4	" 28		Sept. 8	Sept. 4	Sept. 1
	May 24	May 19	May 10	May 15	June 30		May 4	May 1
	" 25	" 21	" 11	" 16	July 2		" 5	" 2
	" 26	" 22	" 12	" 17	Aug. 8		" 7	" 3
Phil'a.	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	" 11		†July 4	*July 4
	" 11	" 18	" 25	Aug. 1	" 24		" 6	Aug. 30
	" 12	" 19	" 26	" 2	" 28		" 7	" 31
	" 14	" 21	" 28	" 4	Sept 7		Sept. 1	Sept. 1
Phil'a.	May 15	May 10	May 24	May 19	June 21	June 19		June 30
	" 16	" 11	" 25	" 21	" 22	" 20		July 1
	" 17	" 12	" 26	" 22	" 26	" 23		Aug. 1
	July 31	July 24	July 17	July 10	" 27	" 25		" 2
	Aug. 1	" 25	" 18	" 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 14		" 3
Phil'a.	" 2	" 20	" 19	" 12	" 21	" 15		Sept. 1
	" 4	" 28	" 21	" 14	" 22	" 10		" 2
	May 10	May 15	May 21	May 24	June 19	June 21	June 29	
	" 11	" 16	" 19	" 25	" 20	" 22	July 3	
	" 12	" 17	" 22	" 29	" 23	" 26	Aug. 8	
Phil'a.	July 24	July 31	July 10	July 17	" 25	" 27	" 11	
	" 25	Aug. 1	" 11	" 18	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	" 24	
	" 26	" 2	" 12	" 19	" 15	" 21	" 28	
	" 28	" 4	" 14	" 21	" 16	" 22	Sept. 5	

* A. M. † P. M.

Schedule of Games of American Association for 1883.

CLUBS.	At New York.	At Philadel'a.	At Baltimore.	At Pittsburgh.	At Columbus.	At Cincinnati.	At Louisville.	At St. Louis.
Metropol'ns		May 10	May 1	May 5	* July 4	June 28	June 23	June 17
		" 11	" 2	" 7	† " 4	" 29	" 24	" 18
		" 26	" 3	" 8	" 6	" 30	" 25	" 19
		July 25	July 11	July 17	" 8	July 2	Sept. 9	" 20
		" 26	" 12	" 18	Sept. 21	Sept. 26	" 10	Sept. 15
Athletics.		Aug. 11	" 13	" 19	" 22	" 27	" 12	" 16
		" 13	" 14	" 20	" 23	" 29	" 13	" 18
	May 12		May 5	May 1	June 23	June 18	* July 4	June 28
	" 24		" 7	" 2	" 24	" 19	† " 4	" 30
	" 25		" 8	" 3	" 25	" 20	" 6	July 1
Baltimore's	July 23		July 17	July 11	Sept. 9	" 21	" 8	July 2
	" 24		" 18	" 12	" 10	Sept. 15	Sept. 26	Sept. 21
	Aug. 9		" 19	" 13	" 12	" 18	" 27	" 22
	" 10		" 20	" 14	" 13	" 19	" 30	" 23
Alleghany.	May 19	May 14		May 10	June 28	* July 4	June 17	June 23
	" 21	" 16		" 11	" 30	† " 4	" 18	" 24
	" 22	" 17		" 12	July 1	" 6	" 19	" 25
	July 28	Aug. 3		Aug. 9	" 2	" 7	" 20	Sept. 9
	" 30	" 4		" 10	Sept. 26	Sept. 21	Sept. 15	" 10
Columbus.	" 31	" 6		" 11	" 27	" 22	" 16	" 12
	Aug. 1	" 8		" 13	" 30	" 24	" 19	" 13
Cincinnati.	May 15	May 19	May 24		June 17	June 23	June 28	* July 4
	" 16	" 21	" 25		" 18	" 25	" 30	† " 4
	" 17	" 22	" 26		" 19	" 26	July 1	" 6
	Aug. 3	July 28	July 23		" 20	Sept. 10	" 2	" 8
	" 4	" 30	" 24		Sept. 15	" 11	Sept. 21	Sept. 26
Eclipse.	" 6	" 31	" 25		" 16	" 12	" 22	" 27
	" 7	Aug. 1	" 26		" 19	" 13	" 23	" 30
St. Louis.	May 29	* May 30	June 7	June 12		May 24	May 15	May 19
	† " 30	June 2	" 8	" 13		" 25	" 16	" 20
	" 31	" 4	" 9	" 14		" 26	" 17	" 22
	Aug. 21	Aug. 16	Sept. 3	Aug. 28		July 28	July 15	July 10
	" 22	" 17	" 4	" 5		" 30	" 17	" 11
St. Louis.	" 23	" 18	" 5	" 30		" 31	" 18	" 12
	" 25	" 20	" 6	" 31		Aug. 1	" 19	" 13
St. Louis.	* May 30	May 29	June 12	June 2	May 10		May 19	May 15
	June 7	† " 30	" 13	" 4	" 12		" 20	" 16
	" 8	" 31	" 14	" 5	" 13		" 22	" 17
	Aug. 16	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 3	July 21		July 10	July 15
	" 17	" 22	" 29	" 4	" 22		" 11	" 17
St. Louis.	" 18	" 23	" 30	" 5	" 24		" 12	" 18
	" 20	" 24	" 31	" 6	" 26		" 13	" 19
St. Louis.	June 2	June 12	May 29	June 7	May 1	May 5		May 24
	" 4	" 13	* " 30	" 8	" 2	" 7		" 26
	" 5	" 14	† " 30	" 9	" 3	" 8		" 27
	Sept. 3	Aug. 28	Aug. 22	Aug. 16	Aug. 3	Aug. 9		July 21
	" 4	" 29	" 23	" 17	" 4	" 10		" 22
St. Louis.	" 5	" 30	" 24	" 18	" 5	" 11		" 24
	" 6	" 31	" 25	" 20	" 7	" 13		" 26
St. Louis.	June 12	June 7	June 2	May 29	May 5	May 1	May 10	
	" 13	" 8	" 4	* " 30	" 6	" 2	" 12	
	" 14	" 9	" 5	† " 30	" 8	" 3	" 13	
	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Aug. 9	Aug. 3	July 28	
	" 29	" 4	" 17	" 23	" 10	" 4	" 29	
St. Louis.	" 30	" 5	" 18	" 24	" 11	" 6	" 31	
	" 31	" 6	" 20	" 25	" 12	" 7	Aug. 1	

* A. M. † P. M.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES OF NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE FOR 1883.

CLUBS.	At Bay City.	At Saginaw.	At Toledo.	At G'd Rapids.	At Ft. Wayne.	At Peoria.	At Springfield.	At Quincy.
Bay City.		May 3 " 25 " 26 " 31 July 4 " 4	May 5 " 7 " 8 Aug. 6 " 7 " 9	May 10 " 11 " 12 Aug. 1 " 2 " 4	July 14 " 16 " 17 Sept. 22 " 24 " 25	July 25 " 26 " 28 Sept. 18 " 19 " 20	July 9 " 10 " 12 Sept. 26 " 27 " 29	July 19 " 21 " 23 Sept. 14 " 15 " 17
Saginaw.	May 1 " 2 " 24 " 30 " 30 July 2		May 10 " 11 " 12 Aug. 1 " 2 " 4	May 5 " 7 " 8 Aug. 6 " 7 " 9	July 25 " 26 " 28 Sept. 26 " 27 " 29	July 14 " 16 " 17 Sept. 22 " 24 " 25	July 19 " 21 " 23 Sept. 14 " 15 " 17	July 9 " 10 " 12 Sept. 18 " 19 " 20
Toledo.	May 17 " 19 " 21 Aug. 16 " 18 " 20	May 15 " 16 " 22 Aug. 13 " 14 " 21		May 1 " 2 " 3 " 30 " 30 " 31	July 9 " 10 " 12 Sept. 14 " 15 " 17	July 19 " 21 " 23 Sept. 26 " 27 " 29	July 25 " 26 " 28 Sept. 18 " 19 " 20	July 14 " 16 " 17 Sept. 22 " 24 " 25
Grand Rapids.	May 15 " 16 " 22 Aug. 13 " 14 " 21	May 17 " 19 " 21 Aug. 16 " 18 " 20	May 24 " 25 " 26 July 2 " 4 " 4		July 19 " 21 " 23 Sept. 18 " 19 " 20	July 9 " 10 " 12 Sept. 14 " 15 " 17	July 14 " 16 " 17 Sept. 22 " 24 " 25	July 25 " 26 " 28 Sept. 26 " 27 " 29
Ft. Wayne.	June 16 " 18 " 20 Sept. 6 " 8 " 10	June 14 " 15 " 21 Sept. 3 " 4 " 11	June 9 " 11 " 12 Aug. 29 " 30 Sept. 1	June 4 " 5 " 7 Aug. 24 " 25 " 27		May 24 " 25 " 26 Aug. 1 " 2 " 4	May 15 " 16 " 17 Aug. 6 " 7 " 9	May 19 " 21 " 22 July 2 " 4 " 4
Peoria.	June 7 " 9 " 11 Aug. 7 " 29 " 30	June 4 " 5 " 12 Aug. 24 " 25 Sept. 1	June 14 " 15 " 16 Sept. 3 " 4 " 6	June 18 " 20 " 21 Sept. 8 " 10 " 11	May 10 " 11 " 12 Aug. 13 " 14 " 15		May 19 " 21 " 22 " 30 " 30 " 31	May 1 " 2 " 17 Aug. 18 " 20 " 21
Springfield.	June 4 " 5 " 12 Sept. 3 " 4 " 11	June 7 " 9 " 11 Sept. 6 " 8 " 10	June 18 " 20 " 21 Aug. 21 " 25 " 27	June 14 " 15 " 16 Aug. 29 " 30 Sept. 1	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 18 " 19 " 21	May 5 " 7 " 8 July 2 " 4 " 4		May 24 " 25 " 26 Aug. 13 " 14 " 15
Quincy.	June 14 " 15 " 21 Aug. 24 " 25 Sept. 1	June 16 " 18 " 20 Aug. 27 " 29 " 30	June 4 " 5 " 7 Sept. 8 " 10 " 11	June 9 " 11 " 12 Sept. 3 " 4 " 6	May 5 " 7 " 8 " 30 " 30 " 31	May 3 " 15 " 16 Aug. 6 " 7 " 9	May 10 " 11 " 12 Aug. 2 " 2 " 4	

ADDED.

AT SAGINAW, Bay City plays Saginaw, May 30, P. M. Game.
 AT BAY CITY Bay City plays Saginaw, May 30, A. M. Game.
 AT SAGINAW, Bay City plays Saginaw, July 4, A. M. Game.
 AT BAY CITY, Bay City plays Saginaw, July 4, P. M. Game.

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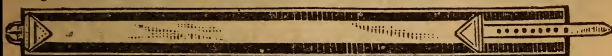
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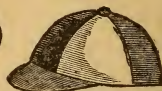
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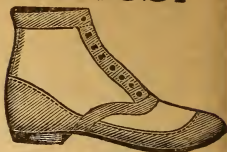
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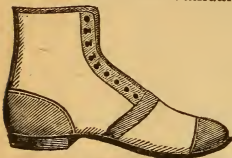


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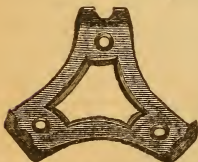
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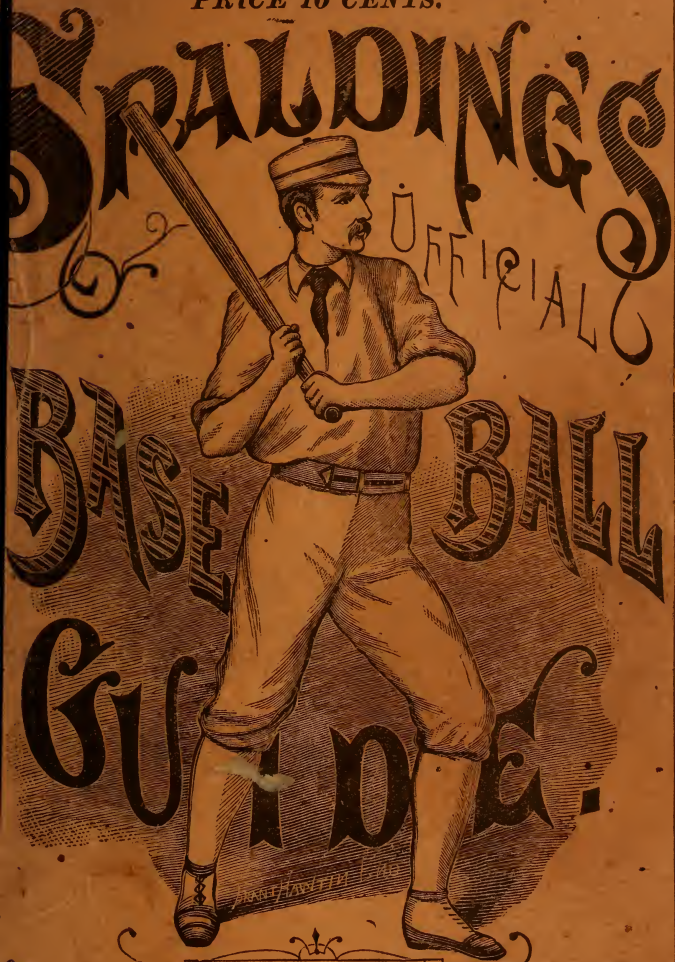
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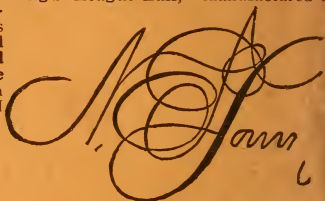
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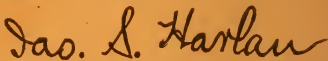
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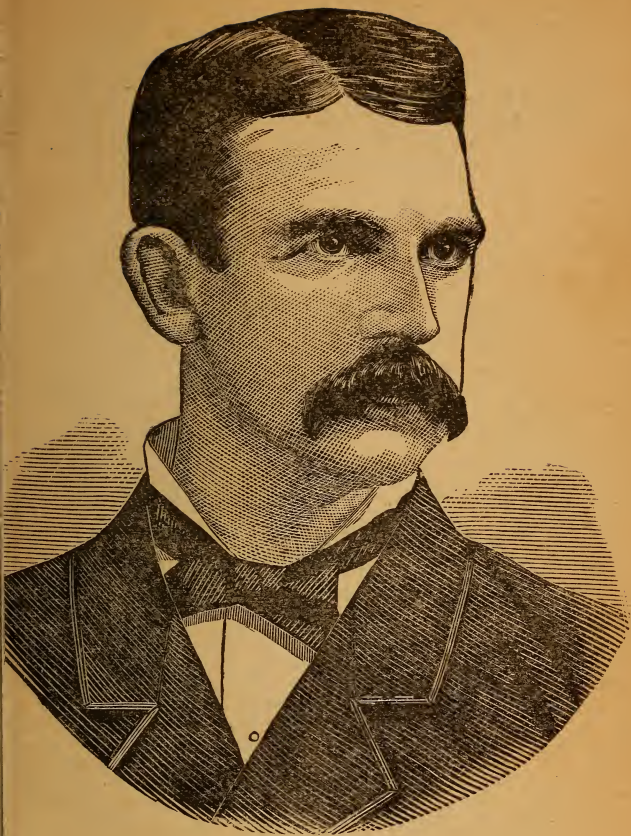
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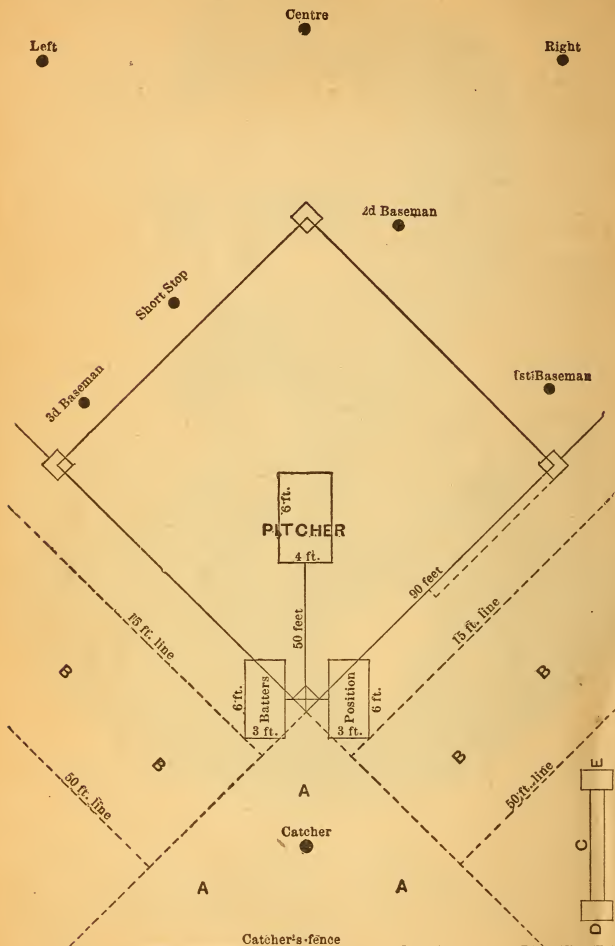
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CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL GROUND.



- A. A. A.—Ground reserved for Umpire, Batsman and Catcher.
 B. B. B.—Ground reserved for Captain and Assistant.
 C.—Players' Bench. D.—Visiting Players' Bat Rack.
 E.—Home Players' Bat Rack.

	Lowell.	Man- chester.	Fall River.	Rhode Island.	Live Oak.	Won...	Lost...	Played
Lowell.....	7	7	8	10	8	33	7	40
Manches.....	3	7	7	10	9	29	11	40
Fall River.....	2	3	..	6	8	19	21	40
Rhode Island.....	0	0	4	..	7	11	28	40
Live Oak.....	2	1	3	3	..	8	32	40
Totals.....	7	11	21	29	32	100	99	200

INTRODUCTION.

It is very questionable whether there is any public sport in the civilized portion of the world so eminently fitted for the people it was made for as the American national game of base ball. In every respect is it an out-door sport admirably adapted for our mercurial population. It is full of excitement, is quickly played, and it not only requires vigor of constitution and a healthy physique, but manly courage, steady nerve, plenty of pluck, and considerable powers of judgment to excel in it. What cricket is to an Englishman, base ball now is to an American. In England cricket has more devoted admirers than any out-door recreation known to that people. On the cricket field the peer and the peasant meet on equal terms, the possession of courage, nerve, judgment and skill in the game alone giving the palm of superiority. In fact a more democratic institution does not exist in Europe than the English game of cricket. If this is the characteristic of cricket in aristocratic and monarchical England, how much more do the same features characterize the national game of Democratic and Republican America.

Base ball, too, is like cricket in another respect, and that is, it has the power to attract crowds of people to witness its exciting contests without the extrinsic aid of betting.

At horse races, athletic contests and nearly every other public sport in vogue, if the pool-selling and book-making of the gambling fraternity are prevented—nearly all the attraction which draws most of the public patronage to such sports is removed. This fact was strikingly illustrated in New York during the season of 1882; for at the Jerome Park races that year, when an attempt was made to stop the book-making and public betting, the attendance dwindled down to a few hundred, while, with the betting in operation, the attendance reached five or six thousand a day. It was the same at the last great international pedestrian contest at Madison Square Garden in New York, the prevention of the pool-gambling feature making the meeting a financial failure. At the professional base ball matches for championship honors, however, especially on League Club Grounds, where pool-selling and all forms of open public betting are prohibited—thousands of spectators are attracted to the grounds solely by the excitement of the sport itself. This is a

peculiarity of our national game which fully proves not only the intrinsic merit of the game itself, but what a suitable sport it is for the patronage of the best classes of the community. What can present a more attractive picture to the lover of outdoor sports than the scene presented at a base ball match between two trained professional teams competing for championship honors, in which every point of play is so well looked after in the field that it is only by some extra display of skill at the bat, or a lucky act of base-running at an opportune moment, that a single run is obtained in a full nine innings game? To watch the progress of a contest in which only one run is required to secure an important lead, and while the game is in such a position to see hit after hit made to the field, either in the form of high fly balls splendidly caught on the run by some active out-fielder, or a sharp ground hit beautifully picked up in the in-field, and swiftly and accurately thrown to the right baseman in time, is to see the perfection of base ball fielding, and that surpasses the fielding of every other known game of ball. Then there is the intense excitement incident to a contest in which one side is endeavoring to escape a "whitewash," while the other side as eagerly strives to retain their lead of a single run; and with the game in such position a three base hit sends the runner to third base before a single hand is out, only to see the hit left unrewarded by the expected run, owing to the telling effect of the strategic pitching, and the splendid field support given it. Add to this the other excitement of a high hit over the out-fielder's head, made while two or three of the bases are occupied, with the result of a tie score or the securing of a lead at a critical point of the game, and a culmination of attractive features is reached, incidental to no other field game. When it is considered, too, that the pursuit of base ball is that of a healthy, recreative exercise, alike for the mind and body, suitable to all classes of our people, and to the adult as well as the mere boy, there can be no longer room for surprise that such a game should reach the unprecedented popularity that the American game of base ball has attained.

THE PROFESSIONAL SEASON OF 1883.

The professional base ball season of 1883 was, beyond question, the most successful one known in the history of that class of the fraternity. Not only was it marked by a financial success beyond precedent; but, in the operations of the several championship campaigns on the field, the work done was of a character decidedly superior to that of previous years. Though it was made evident that improvement in nearly every department of the game was the order of the year; nevertheless the

season was marked by certain drawbacks which go to prove that there is still room for advancement on the road to the goal of a perfect development of the game. One of these drawbacks was the prevalence of the "kicking" nuisance on the field. Though this discreditable business was largely monopolized by the partisan and betting element of the assemblages of spectators at matches, it was materially aided by the pernicious example afforded by the kicking propensities of the players of badly-managed teams. Season after season have efforts been made by the existing professional associations to perfect the rules governing Umpires, and to improve their position; for on good Umpires and correct umpiring depends the very existence of professional playing. Good umpiring is an essential in amateur playing, where the object in view is merely enjoyable recreation and healthy field exercise; but among the professional class, success in the business of running a club team is impossible without it. It is a conceded fact that integrity of character, sound judgment, and thorough impartiality as essentials in Umpires and umpiring, are vital necessities of the game, and the basis of its very existence. But how are these essentials to be made available unless the position of Umpire is itself properly protected and guarded from the assaults of club "heelers" and betting roughs? These facts have been forcibly presented to the officials of the several professional associations by each season's growing experience; and last spring it seemed as if they had hit upon the correct plan for perfecting the Umpire's position and duties by appointing a regular staff of Umpires, with sufficient salaries to secure good men.

But the season had not advanced far before it was realized that two obstacles stood in the way of the success of the new system; and the most prominent of those two was the utter failure of the clubs to give the Umpire due protection while in the discharge of the onerous duties of his position. The other was the injudicious selection of a minority of the candidates for the position of official Umpire. It was, in fact, very plainly realized that no matter how perfect any system of rules governing the position of Umpire might be as regards the selection of men for the duties, no practical reform could be made so long as the abuse of "kicking," either by a partisan crowd or by players, was permitted to exist. That players of a team should be allowed to dispute decisions of an Umpire is a reflection on the competency alike of the Field Captain and the Club Manager of the team. Disputing an Umpire's decision can in no way lead to any advantage to the side in fault, while it is equally certain to have the very reverse effect. There is but one single occasion in a match game in which there is the least excuse for objecting to the Umpire's dictum in deciding a disputed point; and that is in the case of a palpable misinterpreta-

tion of a rule of play, and then the Captain of the nine, affected adversely by the decision, should alone have a word to say in remonstrance. But in all decisions marked by errors of judgment, but one rule should be permitted to prevail, and that one should be silent acquiescence, alike in word and action, in every such decision rendered. Until this rule is strictly enforced by effective penalties, the best men possible may be selected for the position with the result of but slight improvement in the working of the system.

THE UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

Before the organization of the first Professional National Association, there was no recognized code of rules governing any championship contest in the base ball arena, only a nominal title existing prior to 1871, and even that was frequently disputed. The original champions of the old amateur class of clubs, which existed at the home of base ball, in New York and its suburbs, was the Atlantic Club, of Brooklyn, the champion team of that club, when it was in its palmiest amateur days, being M. O'Brien, pitcher; Boerum, catcher; Price, John Oliver and Charlie Smith on the bases; Dick Pearce, short-stop, and P. O'Brien, Archy McMahon and Tice Hamilton in the out-field. This was in 1860, when they won the championship from the Excelsiors. When they defeated the Mutuals and Eckfords, in 1864, their champion team was Pratt, pitcher; Ferguson, catcher; Start, Crane and Smith, on the bases; Pearce, at short-field, and Chapman, Joe Oliver and Sid. Smith in the out-field. The Eckfords held the nominal title in 1862 and '63, and in 1869 the Cincinnati Red Stockings were indisputably the champions of the United States. Their team, in that year, included Asa Brainard, as pitcher; D. Allison, as catcher; Gould, Sweazy and Waterman, on the bases; George Wright, as short-stop, and Leonard, Harry Wright and McVey, in the out-field. In 1870 the title was claimed by the Mutuals and Chicagos, and the disputed claim was never settled, because there was no authority to settle it.

In 1871 the Professional National Association was organized, and then was begun the first series of championship matches under an official code of rules known in the history of professional ball-playing. From this year to 1876, when the National League was organized, the winning teams were as follows:

1871, Athletic—McBride, pitcher; Malone, catcher; Fisler, Reach and Meyerle on the bases; Radcliff, short-stop; Cuthbert, Sensitivefer and Heubel in the outfield.

1872, Boston—A. G. Spalding, pitcher; C. A. McVey, catch-

er; Chas. Gould, Ross Barnes and Harry Schafer on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; Andy Leonard, Harry Wright and Fraley Rogers in the outfield.

1873, Boston—A. G. Spalding, pitcher; Jas. White, catcher; Jas. O'Rourke, Barnes and Schafer on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; Leonard, Harry Wirght, and Manning in the outfield.

1874, Boston—A. G. Spalding, pitcher; McVey, catcher; Jas. White, Barnes and Schafer on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; Leonard, Hall and Jas. O'Rourke in the outfield.

1875, Boston—A. G. Spalding, pitcher; Jas. White, catcher; Latham, Barnes and Schafer on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; Leonard, Jas. O'Rourke and Manning in the outfield.

From 1876 to 1883, inclusive, the winning teams in the League arena were as follows:

1876, Chicago—A. G. Spalding, pitcher; Jas. White, catcher; McVey, Barnes and Anson on the bases; Peters, short-stop; Glenn, Hines and Addy in the outfield.

1877, Boston—Bond, pitcher; Brown, catcher; Jas. White, Geo. Wright and Morrill on the bases; Sutton, short-stop; Leonard, Jas. O'Rourke and Schafer in the outfield.

1878, Boston—Bond, pitcher; Snyder, catcher; Morrill, Burdock and Sutton on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; Leonard, Jas. O'Rourke and Manning in the outfield.

1879, Providence—Ward, pitcher; Brown, catcher; Start, McGeary and Hague on the bases; Geo. Wright, short-stop; York, Hines and Jas. O'Rourke in the outfield.

1880, 1881 and 1882, Chicago—Corcoran and Goldsmith, pitchers; Flint, catcher; Anson, Quest and Williamson on the bases; Burns, short-stop; Dalrymple, Gore and Kelly in the outfield.

1883, Boston—Whitney and Buffinton, pitchers; Hines and Hackett, catchers; Morrill, Burdock and Sutton on the bases; Wise, short-stop; and Hornung, Smith and Radford in the outfield.

THE LEAGUE SEASON OF 1883.

The League practice season was inaugurated on April 2, by the Philadelphia Club, which opened its first season as a League Club by defeating the Ashlands, of Philadelphia, by 11 to 0. On the 5th of April the New York Club followed suit, and began their career as a League organization in a game with the Alaskas, whom they defeated by 20 to 5. The same day the Bostons took the field, as also the Providence team, both playing picked nines. On April 7 the Cleveland

team began practice in a match at Washington with the Nationals, and the Leaguers only won by 7 to 4. The Buffalos did not begin practice until April 14, and it was April 18 before the Chicagos took the field, they opening at Indianapolis with the club of that city, whom they defeated by 24 to 5. The Detroit Club also began play the next day in a match with the Indianapolis, the League visitors winning by 24 to 3. By this time the practice season of the League was in full operation, and interesting matches were arranged between the League and American Clubs, under the influence of the Tripartite Agreement, through the medium of which friendly intercourse had been resumed between the clubs of the two associations.

During April the League Clubs played thirty-one games with the American Clubs, of which they won twenty-seven, the Philadelphia Club losing three of the six games they played with the Athletics, and the New York Club one of the eight they played with the Metropolitans. The record of these April games is as follows:

LEAGUE VS. AMERICAN.

April 7,	Philadelphia vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	6-3
" 9,	Boston vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	8-1
" 9,	Cleveland vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	17-9
" 10,	Boston vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	5-4
" 10,	Cleveland vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	13-0
" 11,	Boston vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	10-3
" 11,	Philadelphia vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	9-8
" 13,	Cleveland vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	1-0
" 13,	New York vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	6-0
" 14,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	8-3
" 14,	Philadelphia vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	6-1
" 16,	Philadelphia vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	8-1
" 17,	Cleveland vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-3
" 17,	Boston vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore (12 innings) ..	6-4
" 18,	Cleveland vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	5-3
" 19,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York (10 innings)...	6-5
" 19,	Boston vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	7-2
" 20,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-0
" 21,	Philadelphia vs. Athletic, 2d Philadelphia.....	3-1
" 21,	Cleveland vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	7-2
" 25,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-1
" 25,	Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburg.....	4-0
" 26,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-1
" 26,	Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.....	10-2
" 26,	Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburg.....	7-0
" 27,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-3
" 27,	Cleveland vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburg.....	4-1
" 28,	Metropolitan vs. New York, at New York.....	3-1
" 28,	Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.....	10-2
" 30,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York	7-6
" 30,	Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.....	9-4

The League championship season opened in May, the New York Club playing their inaugural championship game in the League arena, at the Polo Grounds on May 1, when they de-

feated the Boston team by 7 to 5. The Philadelphia Club also played their inaugural League game the same day at Philadelphia, when the Providence team defeated them by 4 to 3. At Detroit the Chicago team beat the Detroiters by 7 to 4, and at Cleveland the home team defeated the visiting Buffalos by 7 to 4. This was the beginning of what proved to be the most exciting championship season known in the history of professional base ball playing.

By the end of May Chicago held the lead in the pennant race by a record of fifteen victories out of twenty-one games played; Cleveland being second, with thirteen won out of nineteen; Providence and Detroit a tie, at twelve out of twenty; Buffalo fifth, with nine lost out of seventeen played; New York sixth, with twelve lost out of eighteen; Boston seventh, with twelve lost out of nineteen, and Philadelphia last, with sixteen lost out of twenty played. The surprise of the month was the low position in the race obtained by the New York team, which, as far as its material was concerned, was among the strongest of the eight League teams. The month of June saw quite a change made in the relative positions of the teams. Chicago, which had opened so well, with but little preliminary practice in April, fell off badly, their first Eastern trip proving costly in defeats. On the other hand, Boston made quite a forward movement, and Providence went to the front, the former winning seventeen games out of twenty-two, while Providence scored eighteen victories out of twenty-three games played. Cleveland kept up its pace well with thirteen victories out of twenty-one games; and New York rallied with twelve won games out of twenty-two played. Chicago followed with eleven defeats out of nineteen games; Buffalo with twelve out of twenty-one, while Detroit and Philadelphia paired off with eighteen defeats out of twenty-three games each. In July only four of the eight clubs won more games than they lost, viz: Cleveland, 14 and 6; Chicago, 13 and 6; Buffalo 13 and 8, and Providence 11 and 9; Philadelphia losing 17 out of 20, New York 13 out of 21; Boston, 11 out of 20, and Detroit, 10 out of 18. The end of July saw Providence still in the van, with Cleveland a close second; Chicago, third; Boston, fourth; Buffalo fifth; New York, sixth; Detroit seventh; and Philadelphia a very bad last in the race.

From this time out the contest for the pennant became more and more exciting as the end of the season approached. In August Boston improved its position considerably, while Providence, for the first time, lost ground. Cleveland, too, fell off in the race, while New York, Chicago and Detroit began to pull up, Philadelphia remaining hopelessly in the rear. By the close of the month Cleveland had reached first place,

Providence being second and Boston third, Chicago being a close fourth, with Buffalo, New York, Detroit and Philadelphia following in order. Now it was that the opening games of September began to be of absorbing interest. Boston was running splendidly, while Providence was falling off badly, as did Cleveland, Buffalo having forced its way up among the leaders. Then came the last series of games between the Boston and Chicago teams, and it was the splendid rally made by the Reds in this series which virtually gave them the championship. The end of the month saw the Bostons the victors, with Chicago a good second and Providence a close third. Cleveland, after obtaining the lead in the race, having to fall back to fourth place, Buffalo securing fifth, while New York never got beyond sixth position, leaving Detroit to bring up the rear, while Philadelphia came out with almost the poorest record known in League history. Here is the record of each month's games of the season, showing the victories, defeats and total games played of each of the eight clubs from May to October, together with the totals at the close of the season. The names of the clubs are given in the order of their standing on the 1st of October.

	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			TOTALS.		
	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P
Boston.	7	12	19	17	5	22	9	11	20	13	4	17	16	3	19	62	35	97
Chicago.....	15	6	21	8	11	19	13	6	19	11	10	21	12	6	18	59	39	98
Providence.....	12	8	20	18	5	23	11	9	20	8	10	18	9	8	17	58	40	98
Cleveland.....	13	6	19	13	8	21	14	6	20	9	10	19	6	11	17	55	41	96
Buffalo.....	18	9	17	9	12	21	13	8	20	12	9	21	10	7	17	52	45	97
New York.....	6	12	18	12	10	22	9	13	22	12	7	19	7	8	15	46	50	96
Detroit.....	2	8	20	5	18	23	8	10	18	10	10	20	5	12	17	40	58	98
Philadelphia.....	4	16	20	5	18	23	3	17	20	2	17	19	3	13	16	17	81	98
TOTALS,	77	77		87	87		80	80		77	77		68	68		389	389	

The fall exhibition campaign of the League began on Oct. 1st and ended on Oct. 28th, during which period the League teams played in fifty-eight exhibition games with American club teams, of which they won 37, lost 18, and had three drawn. The full record of these games is as follows:

LEAGUE VS. AMERICAN.

Oct. 1,	Chicago vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	7-1
" 2,	Cincinnati, vs. Chicago, at "	5-0
" 3,	" " " " "	2-1
" 3,	Metropolitan vs. Providence, at New York.....	3-2
" 3,	Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.....	13-3
" 4,	Metropolitan vs. Providence, at New York.....	7-6
" 4,	Cleveland vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	8-7
" 4,	Baltimore vs. Detroit, at Baltimore (drawn).....	4-4
" 5,	Providence vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	12-0

Oct. 5,	Chicago vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	6-3
" 5,	Baltimore vs. Detroit, at Baltimore.....	10-5
" 6,	Boston vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	4-1
" 6,	Chicago vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	4-2
" 6,	New York vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	5-1
" 8,	Boston vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	5-1
" 8,	Philadelphia vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	8-4
" 8,	Cleveland vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	10-7
" 8,	Detroit vs. Eclipse, at Louisville.....	6-5
" 8,	St. Louis vs. New York, at St. Louis.....	6-4
" 9,	" " " " " ".....	11-1
" 9,	Metropolitan vs. Boston, at New York.....	1-0
" 9,	Baltimore vs. Cleveland, at Baltimore.....	6-4
" 9,	Detroit vs. Eclipse, at Louisville.....	7-0
" 9,	Buffalo vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	7-1
" 10,	New York vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	6-4
" 10,	Boston vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	9-7
" 10,	Buffalo vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	15-5
" 10,	Providence vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	12-6
" 11,	Chicago vs. Columbus, at Columbus.....	8-5
" 11,	Providence vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	4-3
" 11,	Buffalo vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	9-2
" 11,	Boston vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	4-2
" 12,	Buffalo vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore.....	6-0
" 12,	St. Louis vs. Detroit, at St. Louis.....	8-4
" 12,	Providence vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	1-0
" 13,	" " " " " ".....	9-7
" 13,	Baltimore vs. Buffalo, at Baltimore.....	9-3
" 13,	Detroit vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	5-3
" 15,	Metropolitan vs. New York, at New York.....	3-2
" 15,	Philadelphia vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.....	8-3
" 15,	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	8-1
" 15,	Buffalo vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	16-3
" 16,	Providence vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	4-3
" 16,	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.....	5-4
" 16,	Buffalo vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	7-1
" 16,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York (drawn).....	3-3
" 17,	Metropolitan vs. New York, at New York.....	10-5
" 17,	Providence vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	19-3
" 17,	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, at Cincinnati (drawn).....	3-3
" 17,	Buffalo vs. Allegheny, at Pittsburgh.....	8-3
" 18,	New York vs. Metropolitan, at New York.....	15-3
" 18,	Providence vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	2-0
" 20,	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo, at Cincinnati.....	5-1
" 20,	St. Louis vs. Providence, at St. Louis.....	5-4
" 21,	" " Cleveland, " " (10 innings).....	2-1
" 22,	" " " " " ".....	7-3
" 23,	Cleveland vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis.....	8-7
" 28,	" " " " " ".....	2-1

It was arranged to close the season with a series of three games between the League champions of Boston and the American champions of Philadelphia, the Athletics, but the latter played so poorly during October, they losing seven out of their eight games with League teams in October, that they declined to play the Bostons. The success of the ex-champion team, of Cincinnati, over the ex-champion Chicago team in October—the former winning two out of the three games played—was a noteworthy feature of the fall exhibition campaign of the League. It is singular that the Metropolitan team suffered the

most at the hands of the League teams, and the New York team lost the most games with American teams. In all eighty-nine games were played between League and American cubs during 1883.

The records showing how the League clubs won their games with the American teams, and how the latter won games from League teams, are appended. As nearly all these games were played on American Association Grounds, the great preponderance of League victories fully demonstrated the superior playing skill of the older organization.

LEAGUE VICTORIES.

	Columbus.	Eclipse.	Allegheny.	Cincinnati.	St. Louis.	Athletic.	Baltimore.	Metropolitan.	Totals.
Cleveland.....	0	0		2	2	1	4	3	15
New York.....	0	0		1	1	0	1	0	11
Boston.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9
Providence.....	0	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	8
Buffalo.....	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	7
Philadelphia.....	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7
Chicago.....	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
Detroit.....	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
TOTALS,	1	2	7	7	9	10	12	16	64

LEAGUE DEFEATS.

	Boston.	Chicago	Detroit.	Buffalo.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Philadelphia.	New York.	Total won.
St. Louis.....	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	6
Metropolitan.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	6
Athletic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Cincinnati.....	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Baltimore.....	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
TOTAL LOST,	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	5	22

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

In no season since the League was organized was the pennant race so closely contested as in 1883. Up to 1880 the racing each season was rather one sided, it being almost a settled thing as to which club would win before the first three months of the season had ended. From 1880 to the close of last season, however, each season's campaign has been marked by close fighting to the finish, as the appended record shows:

1880.	Won.	Lost.	1881.	Won.	Lost.
Chicago	67	17	Chicago.....	56	28
Providence....	52	32	Providence.....	47	37
Cleveland.....	47	37	Buffalo.....	45	38
Troy.....	41	42	Detroit.....	41	43
Worcester	40	43	Troy.....	39	45
Boston.....	40	44	Boston.....	38	45
Buffalo.....	25	58	Cleveland	36	48
Cincinnati	21	60	Worcester.....	32	50
1882.	Won.	Lost.	1883.	Won.	Lost.
Chicago.....	55	29	Boston.....	63	35
Providence.....	52	32	Chicago.....	59	39
Buffalo.....	45	39	Providence.....	58	40
Boston.....	45	39	Cleveland.....	55	42
Cleveland.....	42	40	Buffalo.....	52	45
Detroit.....	42	41	New York.....	46	50
Troy.....	35	48	Detroit.....	40	58
Worcester.....	18	66	Philadelphia	17	81

The full record of the season's championship games, showing the relative positions of the eight clubs up to Sept. 30.

	Boston.	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Buffalo.	New York.	Detroit.	Phil'd'lphia	Won.	Played.	Drawn.	To play.	Series won.
Boston.....	..	7	8	10	7	7	10	14	63	98	0	0	4
Chicago.....	7	..	7	6	9	9	9	12	59	98	0	0	4
Providence.....	6	7	..	6	7	9	12	11	58	98	0	0	3
Cleveland.....	4	8	8	..	7	7	9	12	55	97	3	1	4
Buffalo.....	7	5	7	7	..	8	9	9	52	97	1	0	3
New York.....	7	5	5	6	5	..	6	12	46	96	2	0	1
Detroit.....	4	5	2	5	5	8	..	11	40	98	3	0	2
Philadelphia	0	2	3	2	5	2	3	..	17	98	1	0	0
Games lost.....	35	39	40	42	45	50	58	81	390				
Series lost.....	0	1	2	1	1	5	5	7					
Series drawn.....	3	2	2	1	3	2	0	0					
Series to finish.....	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0					

The following interesting table shows the relative positions occupied by each club at the end of every week of the championship season of '83:

CLUBS.	First week.	Second week.	Third week.	Fourth week.	Fifth week.	Sixth week.	Seventh week.	Eighth week.	Ninth week.	Tenth week.	Eleventh week.	Twelfth week.	Thirteenth week.	Fourteenth week.	Fifteenth week.	Sixteenth week.	Seventeenth week.	Eighteenth week.	Nineteenth week.	Twentieth week.
Boston.....	6	5	6	6	7	7	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	1
Chicago.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	1	2
Providence.....	1	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Cleveland.....	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	4
Buffalo.....	4	5	5	5	5	6	7	5	6	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
New York.....	3	7	7	6	6	7	0	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Detroit.....	7	2	3	2	3	4	5	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Philadelphia.....	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

It will be seen that the Bostons during the five months at one time or another occupied every position save the last, which latter the Philadelphia club clung to with great tenacity. The Providence club occupied the lead during every month but September, while the Chicagos only held in at the end of but six of the twenty weeks of the season, and the Bostons but one week, but that was the most important week of the whole. The championship series, which extended from May 1 to Oct. 1, inclusive, consisted of 392 games—every club being required to play fourteen games with each of the others—and only two of these games remained unplayed at the end of the season, and these were between the New York Club and the Buffalos and Clevelands. Forty-three scheduled games were postponed on account of rainy and inclement weather, the Buffalo and New York teams being the greatest sufferers in this respect, each having fifteen of their games prevented by rain, while the Providence team had only six games postponed through bad weather. Five games were drawn, with the score tied, including two between the New York and Cleveland, and one each between the Detroit and Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, and Detroit and Philadelphia Clubs. The highest score in any one game was 31 to 7, made by the Chicagos against the Buffalo Club July 3. The largest number of runs in an inning was also credited to the Chicagos, who on Sept. 6, in a game with the Detroit, in the seventh inning, made no less than eighteen runs. In five games the winners each scored only one run, the Cleveland twice, and the Boston, Detroit and New York once each, being credited with this narrow margin of victory. The losers failed to make even a solitary run in thirty-eight championship games, the Clevelands being blanked nine times, Philadelphia seven, Chicago five, Detroit, New York and Providence each four, Boston three, and Buffalo only two times.

The full record of the "Chicago" games of 1883 in the League Championship arena, is as follows:

CLUBS.	Boston.	Buffalo.	Chicago.	Cleveland.	Detroit.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Providence.	Won.
Boston.....	..	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	6
Buffalo.....	0	..	1	1	1	0	2	0	5
Chicago.....	2	0	..	2	0	0	0	1	5
Cleveland.....	0	0	1	..	1	1	2	0	5
Detroit.....	0	0	1	1	..	2	0	0	4
New York.....	0	0	1	2	0	..	0	1	4
Philadelphia.....	0	1	0	0	1	0	..	1	3
Providence.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	..	4
Lost.....	3	2	4	8	4	4	7	4	36

The number of blanks inflicted by the score of 1—0 was five; 2—0, five; 3—0, three; 4—0, five; 5—0, three; 6—0, two; 7—0, six; 8—0, one; 9—0, two; 10—0, one; 11—0, one; 12—0, one; 28—0, one. The Bostons inflicted the largest number, six; the Philadelphias, the smallest, three; the Buffalos suffered the least, two; the Philadelphias the most, seven. The Bostons and New Yorks were the only clubs that were not Chicagoed on their own grounds. The most decisive defeat of the season was that of the Philadelphias by the Providences, 28—0. The only clubs that could blank the Buffalos were the Bostons and Philadelphias—the head and tail of the League. The Detroits were only once blanked at home, and that, too, by the Philadelphias, 6—0. The Buffalos administered one of the most decisive defeats to the Chicagos, 10—0, and succumbed in turn to the Bostons, 9—0.

The season of 1883 was the seventh of the thirteen, since the professional championship contests were inaugurated under an official code of rules, in which the Boston Club were successful in winning the pennant, the record being as follows:

Yr.	Win.	Club.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	Yr.	Win.	Club.	Games Won.	Games Lost.
1871—Athletic.....	22		7		1878—Boston.....	41		19	
1872—Boston.....	39		8		1879—Providence.....	59		25	
1873—Boston.....	43		16		1880—Chicago.....	67		17	
1874—Boston.....	52		18		1881—Chicago.....	56		28	
1875—Boston.....	71		8		1882—Chicago.....	55		29	
1876—Chicago.....	50		14		1883—Boston.....	62		25	
1877—Boston.....	42		18						

THE LEAGUE CLUB MANAGEMENT OF 1883.

The club management of 1883 in the League arena may be fairly set down, as a whole, as the best ever known in the organization. There were individual instances of team mismanagement, but taken as a whole the running of the majority of the League teams in 1883 was very creditably attended to. The success of any club team in winning their Association championship is never solely due to the special excellence of the club manager in his control of the team, though it is one of the most influential elements of such success. But there are other things which combine to bring about the ultimate triumph of a team in winning the season's honors, and among these are, first-class material to work with, and a fortunate absence of the many unforeseen accidents which too frequently create formidable obstacles to well-merited success. A club manager may be an experienced general for a campaign, as far as the mere management of his forces in field strategy is concerned, and yet not be a manager able to command the hearty support of his men. Then, too, he may be just the man for the position in all the essentials of successful management, and yet be disabled by the lack of first-class material in his team to give due effect to his judgment and skill as a manager. Then, again, he may be possessed of both these requisites of successful management, and yet be so hampered by unforeseen occurrences at critical periods of the campaign, as to offset all the advantages of his skillful running of a first-class team. This was strikingly illustrated in the League championship campaign of 1883, in the instance of the Providence and Cleveland teams in the closing month of the campaign, both of whose splendid "batteries" became partially disabled at the very time when their most effective work was needed to carry them safely to the goal of ultimate success. These are things which cannot always be included in the opening estimates of the cost of a campaign, but they materially affect a manager's success when everything looks favorable for victory.

The eight managers who nominally governed their respective teams—and in a majority of instances actually did so—in the League arena in 1883, were Messrs. Harry Wright, Anson, Morrill, O'Rourke, Bancroft, Chapman, Ferguson and Mutrie. The veteran of the eight showed his old marked ability in the position, and the five which follow in the list governed their respective teams with noteworthy credit and success. One of the eight, however, was badly handicapped with a weak experimental team. The season's management was again characterized by the customary interference of club Presidents or other prominent officials with the campaign work of the nominal manager, but not to so great an extent as in previous

seasons. Experience is beginning to teach these people that good management is impossible under such circumstances, and the season of 1883 may be said to have been an exceptional one in this respect of allowing appointed managers to discharge the duties of their position unshackled by outside interference.

THE PITCHING OF 1883.

But little if any advance was made in the art of strategic pitching in 1883, the overhand throwing prevailing to an extent which materially interfered with progress in strategic skill. Some of our readers may naturally inquire, "What is strategic pitching?" and the answer is that it is the art of out-manœuvring the batsman, by puzzling his judgment and deceiving his eyesight; in plain words it is the skill which leads him to think that the very ball he likes to hit is coming from the pitcher, when in reality it is a ball he cannot hit successfully. The essentials of strategic pitching are, *First*, thorough command of the ball in delivery; *second*, the skill to disguise a marked change of pace; *third*, to try and get the batsman out of form for hitting, and when he is so to send the ball in "over the plate" and at the height called for. These points of play, combined with a judicious use of the "curves," and of a swift delivery—the latter according to the ability of the catcher only—constitute the elements of strategic pitching, and it is this style of pitching, and this only, which will eventually supersede all others as the game approaches the point of perfect play. Toward the close of the season of 1883 overhand throwing prevailed almost entirely in the professional arena, the rule prohibiting it being ignored alike by the umpires and by the pitchers. There was a great deal of intentional intimidation of the batsmen indulged in by the "pacers" of the pitching arena last season, the ball being sent in time and again purposely so close to the batsman's person as to render it difficult for him to avoid being struck by the ball. This is a vile, cowardly practice, which no manly pitcher will ever indulge in. It should be put a stop to by proper League enactments, as it is an obstacle to progress in the game. The rule in legislating for a perfect code of playing rules affecting the power of attack and defence in the game—viz.: Rules governing the pitching and batting—should be to equalize them as much as possible. With the growth of the game has come almost perfect fielding, and hence the excellent field support the pitching now has in every first-class team gives the attacking force in the game a very powerful advantage. It is a fact, however, that the batting has thus far kept pace with the increased latitude allowed in the pitching.

department; notwithstanding the general disregard of the restriction upon the pitcher's delivery during the season of 1883, the League averages for that year show a somewhat higher percentage of base hits per times at bat than in any preceding season in the history of the League. A comparison between the record of the ten League pitchers who participated in League games in 1882 and 1883, shows an average percentage of base hits per times at bat of opponents of .2478 in 1883, as against .2400 in 1882. A comparison of the batting averages of 1882 and 1883, with the same number of clubs and players in the League, shows that in 1883 forty-four players exceeded an average of .250, as against thirty-six in 1882. It is a question, however, whether to fairly equalize the batting and pitching departments, there should not be a reduction from seven to six in the number of unfair balls.

THE PITCHERS' AVERAGES.

The only criterion of effective pitching is the record of earned runs scored off the pitching. It should be remembered, in this connection, that there is quite a difference between runs earned off the pitching and runs earned off the fielding. If the first, second, and third strikers at the bat each make a base-hit, and the fourth striker hits the ball so as to oblige the fielder to throw him out at first base, one run being scored off the hitting alone, then one run is clean earned off the pitching. But if the first striker makes a single base hit, steals to second, is given his third on another base hit, and goes home by a steal in on a throw to second to cut off the runner from first, then a run is earned off the fielding, inasmuch as from the base hits made alone two men would have been on bases, and no run scored. It is necessary, therefore, for a correct record of earned runs off the pitching, that scorers should see to it that a proper distinction should be made between runs distinctly earned off the pitching and those earned off the fielding. Of course, direct fielding errors are not to be included in runs earned off the fielding, but only runs earned by effective base-running, as no runs can be earned at all from fielding errors.

In regard to base hits made off the pitching, they are necessarily of secondary consideration, as base hits may be made to a large extent off the pitching after the pitcher has given the field three chances for outs which have not been accepted. Below we give the record of the League pitchers of 1883 who played in the position in not less than fifteen games during the season. They are ranked in the order of runs earned off their pitching, irrespective of the base hits made:

THE PITCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank	Pitcher.	Club.	Games.	Average runs earned.	Average base-hits.
1	McCormick..	Cleveland.....	40	1.35	2.09
2	Daily.....	".....	41	1.36	2.40
3	Radbourne.....	Providence.....	72	1.43	2.30
4	Corcoran.....	Chicago.....	52	1.71	2.42
5	Whitney.....	Boston.....	62	1.80	2.39
6	Shaw.....	Detroit.....	26	2.00	2.60
7	Buffinton.....	Boston.....	35	2.02	2.48
8	Sweeny.....	Providence.....	15	2.13	2.33
9	Welch.....	New York.....	46	2.21	2.41
10	Galvin.....	Buffalo.....	73	2.39	2.67
11	O'Niell.....	New York.....	16	2.43	2.85
12	Ward.....	".....	33	2.48	2.59
13	Goldsmith.....	Chicago.....	46	2.84	2.82
14	Weidman.....	Detroit.....	45	3.15	4.48
15	Hagan.....	Philadelphia.....	16	3.69	3.22
16	Burns.....	Detroit.....	15	3.73	2.92
17	Coleman.....	Philadelphia.....	63	3.82	3.14

Taking into consideration the average of earned runs and base hits scored in proportion to the number of games pitched in, we do not hesitate to accord to Radbourne the best pitching record of the season. He pitched in nearly double the number of games that either McCormick or Daily did, and yet he is but a fraction behind either in the average of runs earned, while he leads Daily in fewest base hits. A singular contrast is presented in the records of Weidman and Burns, of the Detroit club. Weidman is charged with an average of 4.48 in base hits, while Burns has but 2.92. In earned runs, however, the former leads by 3.15 to 3.73. Evidently Burns in his fifteen games had better fielding support than Weidman had in his forty-five games. Wherever the figures of the averages of earned runs are pretty even, the palm should be given to the pitcher who has pitched in the greatest number of games. On this basis Galvin has a better record than Sweeny, Buffinton, or Shaw.

THE BATTING OF 1883.

A somewhat noticeable feature of the past season was the comparatively large scores made by one side or the other, the main reason being the improvement in batting, which, together with a little loose fielding, tended to yield more runs.

The day is past when spectators enjoy games marked with such scores as 1 to 0, which are chiefly produced by the batsman striking out or failing to hit the ball beyond the easy range of the fielders. Spectators in general now like to see both free and hard hitting, although it may be in some cases productive of fielding errors. Batsmen are, as a rule, becoming more accustomed to swift curved pitching, and are able to hit

it more freely than ever before, as may be judged by the notable batting feats in many championship contests in the League, American, and Northwestern Associations.

Since the formation of the National League, base ball legislation affecting the batting and pitching departments, has preserved a balance between those two opposing forces with remarkable evenness. The fraternity will regard with much interest, the effect of the removal of all restrictions by the League upon the pitching department, although from such experimental games as League managers played in practice during the latter part of 1883, in which this modified rule was tested, there would not seem to be any probability of a material difference in the scores of next year's games growing out of this change in base ball legislation.

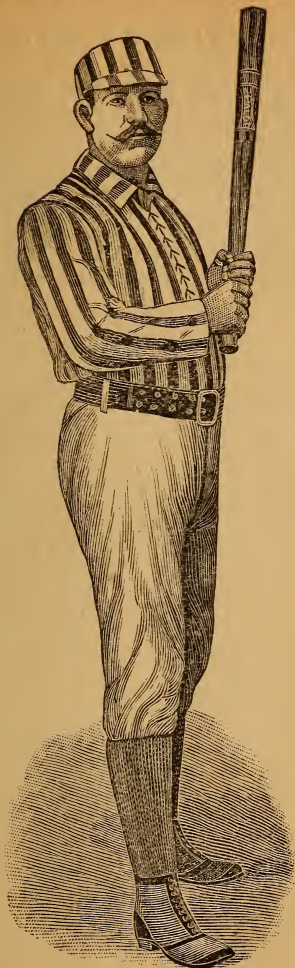
Certain it is that the increased latitude allowed the pitcher, and the great advance in skill shown in that important department of the game since the organization of the League, has vastly increased the attractiveness of the game as an exhibition. Indeed, when we look back to the games of ten years ago, it is not surprising that spectators became wearied and disgusted with them.

By way of illustration of the old heavy hitting and restricted pitching games, we give below the scores of two model specimens of heavy hitting games played in 1870. The first test took place on the grounds at Cleveland, on May 17, 1870, the contestants being the nines of the Forest City and Atlantic Clubs, of Cleveland. At the end of the fifth inning the game stood at the unprecedented score of 132 to 1, in favor of the Forest City—101 first base hits and 180 total. In the first and third innings the Forest Citys made 52 and 54 respectively. The batting was the heaviest ever made on the grounds. Second and third base hits were too numerous to mention; there also being seven home-runs. The fielding of the Forest Citys was first-class, and, virtually, the score should have been, if all chances had been taken, 132 to 0.

INNINGS—	1	2	3	4	5
Forest City.....	52	16	53	1	10—132
Atlantic.....	0	1	0	0	0—1

The other game was that played the same year in Memphis, between the Chicago nine and the Bluff City Club. We give the score of the

INNINGS—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chicago.....	7	27	14	0	1	35	34	16	23—157
Bluff City.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1



DAN BROUTHERS,
CHAMPION BATTER, 1882 AND 1883.

CHAMPION LEAGUE BATTER OF 1883.

The Champion League Batter, Dan Brouthers, of the Buffalo Club team, led the batting averages for heavy hitting in 1883 by a record of percentage of base hits to times at the bat of 3-60. Connors, of the New York Club, being second, with a percentage of 3-45, and Burdock, of the Boston, third, with 3-23. Brouthers also headed the same list in 1882. Brouthers was born at Sylvan Lake, N. Y., is 24 years of age, six feet two inches in height, and weighs 200 pounds. The annexed cut represents him as facing the pitcher, his bat poised in almost a vertical position. The attitude will be at once recognized as perfectly natural.

BASE RUNNING.

Better base running was done in the championship campaign of 1883 than ever before known. Each season's experience only shows more and more the fact that good base running is one of the most important essentials of success in winning games. It is a difficult task to get to first base safely in the face of the effectual fire from a first class club battery, backed up by good support in the field; but it is still more difficult when the base is safely reached, to secure the other three bases. The fact is, a greater degree of intelligence is required in the player who would excel in base running than is needed either in fielding or in batting. Any soft-brained heavy weight can occasionally hit a ball for a home run, but it requires a shrewd, intelligent player, with his wits about him, to make a successful base runner. Indeed, base running is the most difficult work a player has to do in the game. To cover in-field positions properly, a degree of intelligence in the players is required which the majority do not as a general rule possess; but to excel in base running such mental qualifications are required as only a small minority are found to possess. Presence of mind; prompt action on the spur of the moment; quickness of perception, and coolness and nerve, are among the requisites of a successful base runner. Players habitually accustomed to hesitate to do this, that or the other, in attending to the varied points of a game, can never become good base runners. There is so little time allowed to judge of the situation that prompt action becomes a necessity with the base runner. He must "hurry up" all the time. Then, too, he must be daring in taking risks, while at the same time avoiding recklessness in his running. Though fast running is an important aid in base running, a fast runner who lacks judgment, coolness, and, in fact, "headwork" in his running, will not equal a poor runner

who possesses the nerve and intelligence required for the work. The great point in the art of base running is to know when to start, and to start promptly when the favorable opportunity is offered. One difficulty a base runner, trying to steal to second, invariably encounters, is his having to watch either the pitcher or catcher closely. He cannot watch both carefully, and therefore he must make his selection as to which player he will look after. If the catcher is an accurate and swift thrower to the bases, he is the man to be attended to. But if the pitcher is one who has a method of delivery which includes a number of special movements which occupy more than the ordinary time in delivering the ball, then he is the man to watch, for he will surely afford the runner the required opportunity to steal a base or to secure a balk, if the runner only plays his part properly. A sharp base runner can bother a pitcher exceedingly by skillful dodging. It requires no small amount of nerve and coolness for a pitcher to watch a runner closely, and yet to play the strategical points of his pitching with full effect.

CHANGES IN THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

Below will be found the substance of the changes made in the League Constitution at the December meeting of 1883, together with the full text of the most important of them, which will be required for frequent reference during the season of 1884. One of these latter is new Section 31, which follows old Section 33, and the full text of which is:

"Sec. 31. An agreement may be made between a club and a manager or player for services by a manager or player, and compensation therefor by the club by telegram or other writing, and notice of such agreement may be sent by telegraph to the secretary of the League, specifying the term of service agreed upon, and the secretary shall, immediately upon the receipt of such notice, notify all League clubs and all Association parties to the 'National Agreement of Professional Baseball Associations' that the said club has contracted with the said player for the period specified, and that the contract thus made and promulgated shall be valid and binding upon all, provided that within thirty days from the date of making such agreement the club and the player shall further evidence such agreement by the execution of a contract in the form prescribed by the League (see League contract, and the secretary of the League shall, upon application, furnish each League club a suitable supply of the printed forms of contract adopted by the League), and in the event that the said player shall refuse, within the said thirty days, to sign the said formal League contract, the said club shall notify the secretary, who shall at once

place the name of said player on the black-list, and the player shall thereupon become disqualified, and the secretary shall issue notice of such disqualification, as provided in Section 14 of this constitution. No player not under one of the two forms of contract specified in this section shall be eligible to play in a League game, except that in case a player shall meet with an accident, or be expelled by his club, any player who is not otherwise disqualified under the provisions of this Constitution, may take the place of such expelled or injured player; but such player shall not be eligible to play for more than five championship games in the nine of such club, without the contract and notice thereof required by this section or Section 32."

Sec. 32, old Sec. 35, is only changed so as to conform to the section above cited, it requiring the club after having made the formal League contract provided for in the preceding section to send the contract to the League secretary, and if the secretary finds it all right he is not required to send out his notice in case a preliminary contract by telegraph, as provided in Sec. 31, has already been made and promulgated.

All provisions of the Constitution relating to releases from any cause, or eligibility of a player to contract after the removal of his disabilities, are made so as to conform with the provisions of the National Agreement, in that ten days must elapse between the League secretary's notice of the release of the player, or his notice of the removal of the player's disability, or the disbandment of the club, as the case may be, and the valid engagement of such player to serve a club.

An important proviso is added, which is as follows:

"Provided, That should any club withdraw from this League to become a member of any other Association that is a party to the 'National Agreement of Professional Baseball Associations,' the contracts then existing between such club and its members and players shall remain in full force and effect."

The term "black-list" is substituted for "list of disqualified persons" wherever the latter phrase occurs in the Constitution of '83.

New Sections 45, 46, and 50, are all of special interest, and are given below in full:

"Sec. 46. In case a player under reserve for the ensuing season by any League club shall prefer a complaint, in writing, to the secretary of the League, against said club, alleging—

"1. That such club is in arrears to him on account of his contract for the current season, or.

"2. That he has offered to enter into contract with such club for the ensuing season at a compensation of one thousand dollars for seven months' service, but that the said club has declined either to enter into such contract or to release him from reservation—

The secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto; on receipt of such answer, or, if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the chairman of the Board. The Board shall, thereupon, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and, should they find the player's complaints sustained by the facts, they shall release the player from reservation, and instruct the secretary of the League to issue notice of such release, in like manner as if the player had been voluntarily released by the club. The Board shall also, should they find the club in arrears to the player, require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player, within ten days, the full amount ascertained to be due him."

"*Sec. 46.* In case a player under contract with a League club shall prefer a complaint, in writing, to the secretary of the League against such club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him on account of such contract, the secretary shall act in the matter as provided in the preceding section, and, should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player, within ten days, the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that, should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke its award."

"*Sec. 50.* In all disputes, complaints, or questions arising under the 'National Agreement of Professional B. B. Associations,' between this League and any other Association of clubs, party to such agreement, or between any club of this League and any club of any other Association, party to such agreement, the adjudication thereof shall be left entirely to the Joint Arbitration Committee provided for by such agreement, and this League will comply with and be bound by the award findings, or verdict of such Committee in any such case, so long as this League continues a party to such 'National Agreement.' "

Provision is made to authorize each club to play games between its extra players and other eligible clubs, or picked-nines, upon its grounds when the club is absent from home.

All sections and provisions relating to the League Alliance were stricken out of the Constitution.

THE PLAYING RULES FOR 1884.

Three important amendments were made to the League code of playing rules at the December convention of 1883, two of them being decidedly advantageous to the game, while the

third is open to criticism, inasmuch as it gave to the pitcher an increased advantage in his delivery of the ball to the bat, without compensating advantages to the batsman, who is already far too cramped in his movements in striking, to admit of scientific play in batting. The rules governing the pitching in 1883 prohibited a direct overthrow of the ball to the bat; this rule, however, became practically a dead letter during the latter half of the season, through the failure of the Umpires to inflict the penalty provided for its violation. Instead of amending the rule so as to provide for its strict enforcement,—a very difficult thing to do, by the way,—the League decided to repeal the prohibition, thereby allowing a direct over-throw of the ball to the bat. This was done partially as an experiment, to see what would be the practical result of the delivery by over-hand throwing, and it is only by experiments of this kind each season, that the game can be advanced on the road to a perfect code of playing rules. But, in providing for this experiment, as regards the delivery of the ball to the bat, due attention should have been given to the subject of an equalization of the powers of attack and defense. This was not done by the League at the December convention, however, and hence the attacking power was increased, while the defense was left in the same position as before. As the rule now is, the pitcher can deliver *six* swiftly over-thrown balls to the bat which are either not over the base or not at the height called for, before he can be punished by sending the batsman to his base on called balls; whereas, the batsman is obliged to strike at the first *three* fair balls sent to him, or he will be given out on strikes. This is an advantage in favor of the pitcher in the ratio of seven to three, but it is claimed by some that a more equitable rule would make it six to three.

One of the advantageous amendments made by the League was that repealing the rule which decided the base-runner out for not running to first base. By this rule, if three men were on the bases when the third strike was called, all the base runner had to do was to throw down his bat and stand still, that act alone putting him out, and at the same time preventing the runners on the bases from being forced off by the act of the base runner to first base. The amendment establishes the old rule which obliges the base runner to start for first base, and he cannot now be out on three strikes—if not caught out—unless touched by the catcher, a fielder, or thrown out at first base. This amendment enables the catcher to affect a double or triple play, by not catching the ball on the third strike, but simply touching home base, and then throwing to third base, leaving the ball to be passed to second from third, or to first base to throw out the base runner from home base. Last season this play was stopped by the batsman's refusing to run.

Another excellent amendment was the new rule which makes it imperative for a fine of five dollars to be inflicted on each and every player who in any way disputes the decision of an Umpire, or who even addresses the Umpire on any point of play on which he has rendered a decision. The captains of the nines are alone exempt from this special fine, and they only to the extent of either explaining a misinterpretation or desiring an explanation of the Umpire's ruling. This will effectually put a stop to the "kicking" against decisions by players, which was such an abuse last season. The retention of the fly game in its entirety was commendable. The continuance of the foul-bound catch would have been simply the retaining of a feature of the early period of base ball, in order to gratify the crowd, and to help "business," and not the game.

DEFINITIONS OF IMPORTANT RULES.

There are no two rules more important, as regards their correct definition, than Rules 33 and 34, describing fair and foul balls, and not one player out of six fully understands their true intent and meaning. With a view of familiarizing players with the official definition, we present below an extended explanation of each rule as it is interpreted by the League Secretary.

FAIR AND FOUL HITS.

A *fair hit* is made when the batsman, while standing within the lines of his position, hits a ball which falls to the ground in front of the foul ball lines, extending from home base to and beyond first base, and from home base to and beyond third base. Should such a ball fall on the line of either of these foul lines, it would still be a fair ball; to be foul it must fall to the ground back of the foul lines. If such a ball, too, should strike the person of a player standing on fair ground, the ball would also be a fair ball; or should it go from the bat so as to strike either the first or third bases, it would also be fair; and lastly, should it strike any object located on fair ground, it would still be a fair ball. This is the rule as applicable to all fair hit balls which are hit *up in the air*, and which either fall to the ground or are held by fielders on the fly. But when a ball is batted directly to the ground and not in the air—a bound hit, for instance—a different rule prevails; as, in such case, it matters not whether the hit ball first strikes the ground fair or foul, so that it either bounds or rolls into fair ground afterward, between home and first base or home and third base, except—note this exception—in such case it *first touches the person of a player*.

A *foul ball* is a ball hit by the batsman, while standing within the lines of his position, which falls to the ground behind the

foul ball lines above referred to; or which strikes the person of a player standing on foul ground; or which falls on any other object located on foul ground; or which touches the batsman's person directly from the bat. This is the application of the rule to all foul balls hit in the air, and which are held by a fielder on the fly, or which fall to the ground untouched. But when a ball is hit direct from the bat to the ground it matters not—as in the case of a similarly hit fair ball—whether it first touches the ground fair or foul, provided it rolls or bounds on to foul ground between home and first base, or home and third base, without first touching the person of a player, this being the exception, and an important one, too. It will be seen that an important essential, bearing upon the definition of the two rules, is the difference between a ball hit in the air and a ball hit directly to the ground. The fly ball becomes fair or foul accordingly as it falls on fair or foul ground; while a bound ball—or ball hit directly to the ground—does not become fair or foul by the fact of its first striking fair or foul ground, but by the fact of its bounding or rolling to fair or foul ground after it first strikes the ground. If the ball, before it stops in its course, first touches a player's person, then the rule ceases to operate in the same manner as it would if the ball had not been so touched.

DEAD BALLS.

The rule defining a *dead ball* limits such balls to three classes. *First*, a pitched ball which strikes the batsman while he is standing within the lines of his position. *Second*, a pitched ball which strikes the batsman's bat without his striking at the ball. *Third*, a ball which strikes the Umpire before it passes the catcher. If it be a "passed" ball—a ball the catcher fails to stop or hold—and then hits the Umpire, it ceases to be a dead ball.

THE PITCHING RULE.

The amended rule governing the delivery of the ball to the bat allows of any movement of the arm, in swinging the hand forward, either above or below the line of the shoulder. Last season before making the forward swing of the arm, the hand could be raised as high as the pitcher chose; but when the arm was swung forward the hand holding the ball had to pass below the line of the pitcher's shoulder, or foul balks were called. The new rule legalizes the high delivery of the past season, which violation of the existing rule of last season was indulged in with impunity. The League simply allows what experience had taught them they could not effectively prevent. The rule now gives liberty to the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat either by a pitch, a toss, a jerk, or any form of throwing. The number of called balls that will send a batsman to first base has been reduced to six.

BALKS.

In regard to the pitcher making a "balk," it should be borne in mind that he can make a "balk" in three different ways. *First*, by making *any one of the motions* he is regularly accustomed to make while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, and then failing to promptly deliver the ball. *Second*, if he hold the ball so long while in his position, and while the batsman is waiting ready to strike at the ball, as to unnecessarily delay the game. *Third*, if he deliver the ball to the bat when any part of his person is on the ground outside of the lines of his position.

BASE RUNNERS FAILING TO RUN.

In reference to the failure of base runners to run back to bases on foul balls not caught, the official definition of the rule is that *it is optional with the runner to run or walk back*. If he runs back to the base he is thereby exempt from being put out in returning to the base he left on a foul ball not legally caught; but if he fails to run back then he can be put out in returning by being touched with the ball in the hands of the fielder, the same as in the case of returning on a fair catch. He cannot be decided out, however, for not running back in the case of a foul ball not caught, unless touched while off the base he has to return to.

BLOCK BALLS.

Rule 60 says that whenever a "block" occurs—that is, when a ball is stopped by an outsider—the Umpire shall call "block ball," and on such block ball base runners may run bases without being put out until the ball has been held by the pitcher while standing within the lines of his position.

The moment the ball is held by the pitcher, however, it becomes in play, and runners are then liable to be put out as in ordinary cases of base running.

OBSTRUCTING FIELDER.

The rules providing penalties for base runners obstructing fielders, are officially defined as follows: If a fielder runs to a point in the field on the pathway between any two of the bases in order to catch a fly ball, the base runner in such case has no right to the said pathway, but he must run on one side or the other of the fielder so as to avoid obstructing him in his effort to catch the ball. If the runner fails to avoid the fielder under such circumstances, the Umpire must decide him out at once. Or if a fielder occupy the said pathway in order to field a batted ball, whether to catch a fly ball, or to pick up or stop a ground ball, the base runner is obliged to run on one side of and out of

the way of the fielder, or he must be promptly decided out. In case two fielders, however, go after a ball, and the base runner, in avoiding the fielder who is nearest to the ball, or has the best chance to field it, comes in contact with the other fielder, such contact shall not be regarded as an obstruction, as it would be in the case of his colliding with the fielder trying to catch or to field the ball.

PUTTING PLAYERS OUT AT FIRST BASE.

Umpires in many instances last season violated the rule governing the putting out of players at first base, inasmuch as they time and again decided runners to that base as out even when the ball was held simultaneously with the runner's touching the base. Every such decision was in violation of the letter of the law. The rule—Section 5 of Rule 57—says:

"If, after three strikes have been called, or a fair hit has been made, the ball be securely held by a fielder, while touching first base with any part of his person, *before* such base runner touches first base."

It will be seen by the wording of the rule that the ball must be held by the base player "*before*" the runner touches the base, or the latter is not out. If the ball be held at the same moment that the runner touches the base, the Umpire must decide the runner not out. It must be plainly evident to the Umpire that the ball was held *before* the base was touched, or he cannot legally decide the runner out.

A LEGAL CATCH.

In regard to the definition of the words "momentarily held" as applicable to the catching of the ball, the Umpire must decide a catch to have been legitimately made when the fielder catching it has had a fair opportunity afforded him for making the catch, and purposely fails to hold the ball after stopping it with his hands. In playing the point of refusing to accept a chance for a catch in order to make a double play, the only method officially regarded as legal is to allow the ball to fall to the ground and then to catch it on the bound, or to pick it up from the ground. If an easy chance is offered to make the catch, and the ball is allowed to drop from the hands of the fielder, the Umpire must regard such stopped ball as "*momentarily held*," and decide the striker out on the catch.

RUNNING TO FIRST BASE.

In the case of a batsman, after "three strikes" have been called, becoming a base runner, it is not now necessary for him to run to first base as it was in 1882, and he cannot now be decided out after such call of "third strike" unless he be either touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, or be thrown out at first base, or caught out behind the bat.

RECORD OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Since the Formation of the League in
1876. to and Including 1882.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1876.

	Chicago.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Boston.	Louisville.	Mutual.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	...	6	4	9	9	7	7	10	66	14	52
Hartford.....	4	...	4	8	9	4	9	9	68	21	47
St. Louis.....	6	6	...	6	6	6	8	7	64	19	45
Boston.....	1	2	4	...	5	8	9	10	70	31	39
Louisville.....	1	1	4	5	...	5	6	8	66	36	30
Mutual.....	1	4	1	2	2	...	3	7	56	35	21
Athletic.....	1	1	0	1	2	4	...	5	59	45	14
Cincinnati.....	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	...	65	56	9
Games Lost.....	14	21	19	31	36	35	45	56	514	257	257

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1877.

	Boston.	Louisville.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Chicago.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	...	8	7	6	10	48	17	31
Louisville.....	4	...	6	10	8	48	20	28
Hartford.....	5	6	...	5	8	48	24	24
St. Louis.....	6	2	4	...	4	48	29	19
Chicago.....	2	4	7	8	...	48	30	18
Games Lost.....	17	20	24	29	30	240	120	120

36 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1878.

	Boston.	Cincinnati.	Providence.	Chicago.	Indianapolis.	Milwaukee.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	...	6	6	8	10	11	60	19	41
Cincinnati.....	6	...	9	10	4	8	60	23	37
Providence.....	6	3	...	6	10	8	60	27	33
Chicago.....	4	2	6	...	8	10	60	30	30
Indianapolis.....	2	2	2	4	...	8	60	36	24
Milwaukee.....	1	4	4	2	4	...	60	45	15
Games Lost	19	23	27	30	36	45	360	180	180

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1879.

	Providence.	Boston.	Chicago.	Buffalo.	Cincinnati.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Syracuse.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Providence.....	...	8	7	6	10	8	10	6	78	23	55
Boston.....	4	...	4	9	7	10	11	4	78	29	49
Chicago.....	5	8	...	6	3	8	8	6	76	32	44
Buffalo.....	6	3	6	...	7	8	11	3	76	32	44
Cincinnati.....	2	5	8	3	...	8	9	3	74	36	38
Cleveland.....	4	2	4	4	4	...	5	1	77	53	24
Troy City.....	2	1	3	1	2	6	...	4	75	56	19
Syracuse.....	0	2	0	3	3	5	2	...	42	27	15
Games Lost	23	29	32	32	36	53	56	27	576	288	288

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1880

	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Boston.	Buffalo.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	...	9	8	10	10	9	11	10	84	17	67
Providence.....	3	...	9	7	6	7	10	10	84	32	52
Cleveland.....	4	3	...	9	6	7	9	9	84	37	47
Troy City.....	2	5	3	...	5	5	11	10	83	42	41
Worcester.....	2	6	6	7	...	8	3	8	83	43	40
Boston.....	3	5	5	7	4	...	9	7	84	44	40
Buffalo.....	1	2	3	1	9	3	...	5	82	58	24
Cincinnati.....	2	2	3	1	3	5	5	...	80	59	21
Games Lost.....	17	32	37	42	43	44	58	59	664	332	332

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1881.

	Chicago....	Providence.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago .....	...	9	7	7	8	10	6	9	84	28	56
Providence.....	3	...	5	8	6	7	9	9	84	37	47
Buffalo.....	5	7	...	9	3	8	7	6	83	38	45
Detroit.....	5	4	3	...	7	8	7	7	84	43	41
Troy City.....	4	6	9	5	...	5	6	4	84	45	39
Boston.....	2	5	4	4	7	...	8	8	83	45	38
Cleveland.....	6	3	5	5	6	4	...	7	84	48	36
Worcester.....	3	3	5	5	8	3	5	...	82	50	32
Games Lost.....	28	37	38	43	45	45	48	50	668	334	334

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1882.

	Chicago.	Providence.	Buffalo.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	...	8	6	6	9	8	9	9	84	29	55
Providence.....	4	...	6	6	8	9	9	10	84	32	52
Buffalo.....	6	6	...	5	6	5	6	11	84	39	45
Boston.....	6	6	7	...	7	8	4	7	84	39	45
Cleveland.....	3	4	6	5	...	4	9	11	82	40	42
Detroit.....	4	3	7	4	7	...	8	9	83	41	42
Troy City.....	3	3	6	8	2	4	...	9	83	48	35
Worcester.....	3	2	1	5	1	3	3	...	84	66	18
	29	32	39	39	40	41	48	66	668	334	334

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1883.

	Boston.	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Buffalo.	New York.	Detroit.	Philadelphia.	Games Won.
Boston.....	...	7	8	10	7	7	10	14	63
Chicago.....	7	...	7	6	9	9	9	12	59
Providence.....	6	7	...	8	7	9	12	11	58
Cleveland.....	4	8	8	...	7	9	9	12	55
Buffalo.....	7	5	7	7	...	8	9	9	52
New York.....	7	5	6	5	5	...	8	12	46
Detroit.....	4	5	2	5	2	8	...	11	40
Philadelphia.....	0	2	3	2	5	3	...	...	17
Games Lost.....	35	39	40	42	45	50	53	81	394

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR THREE OR MORE SEASONS.

1876 to 1883, Both Inclusive.

NAME.	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per times at Bat.
Adrian C. Anson	1	8	569	2,418	860	.355
Dennis Brouthers	2	4	285	1,209	417	.344
Rodger Connor	3	4	342	1,441	473	.328
Calvin A. McVey	4	3	171	784	252	.321
Geo. F. Gore	5	5	383	1,633	522	.319
A. Dalrymple	6	6	456	2,076	655	.315
James L. White	7	8	537	2,278	718	.315
Paul A. Hines	7	8	598	2,695	843	.312
James O'Rourke	8	8	603	2,655	822	.309
Roscoe C. Barnes	8	4	228	1,032	319	.309
Joseph Start	9	8	558	2,493	762	.305
Fred. Dunlap	10	4	334	1,450	437	.301
M. J. Kelly	11	6	479	2,068	620	.299
Chas. W. Jones	12	4	271	1,163	347	.298
L. P. Dickerson	13	4	248	1,085	318	.293
E. M. Gross	14	4	221	874	252	.288
J. E. Whitney	15	3	230	938	268	.285
C. J. Foley	16	5	303	1,296	368	.284
Chas. W. Bennett	16	5	343	1,352	384	.284
Thomas Burns	17	4	347	1,425	402	.282
Geo. Shaffer	18	7	521	2,137	602	.281
H. Richardson	18	5	414	1,750	493	.281
J. C. Rowe	19	4	299	1,240	347	.279
Jno. F. Morrill	20	8	602	2,439	676	.277
Wm. Ewing	20	3	222	954	265	.277
Geo. A. Wood	21	4	336	1,440	398	.276
P. Gillespie	21	4	332	1,383	383	.276
Martin J. Powell	22	3	229	950	263	.276
Jno. E. Clapp	22	7	398	1,688	465	.275
Jno. A. Peters	23	6	384	1,700	468	.275
E. B. Sutton	23	8	575	2,356	647	.274
H. D. Stovey	24	3	239	1,041	284	.272
Jno. Farrell	24	5	402	1,742	475	.272
Joseph Hornung	25	5	425	1,799	488	.271
Wm. M. Crowley	26	4	261	1,068	289	.270
Thomas York	27	8	566	2,291	617	.269
Robert Ferguson	27	8	538	2,209	596	.269
James Halliman	27	3	85	378	102	.269
E. N. Williamson	28	6	473	1,949	525	.269
Wm. A. Purcell	28	5	377	1,627	437	.268

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS—CONTINUED.

NAME	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per times at Bat.
P. J. Hotaling.....	29	5	413	1,781	474	.266
W. B. Phillips.....	30	5	419	1,744	456	.261
Philip Powers.....	31	3	98	371	97	.261
Timothy Murnan.....	31	3	143	603	157	.260
J. W. Glasscock.....	31	5	415	1,668	434	.260
Lewis J. Brown.....	32	5	252	1,042	270	.259
Jno. J. Burdock.....	32	8	598	2,505	650	.259
Andrew J. Leonard.....	33	4	203	917	237	.258
A. A. Irwin.....	34	4	314	1,284	332	.258
M. C. Dorgan.....	35	5	304	1,299	334	.257
J. Lee Richmond.....	36	4	238	968	248	.256
M. J. Kennedy.....	37	3	151	593	152	.255
J. J. Gerhardt.....	37	5	330	1,357	346	.255
Jeremiah Denny.....	38	3	266	1,038	265	.255
F. S. Flint.....	38	6	451	1,794	457	.254
Geo. Wright.....	39	5	307	1,415	358	.253
J. P. Cassidy.....	40	7	416	1,718	433	.252
S. P. Houck.....	40	4	312	1,289	325	.252
Jno. Manning.....	41	4	275	1,151	291	.252
Edward Hanlon.....	41	4	323	1,309	329	.251
Thomas Carey.....	41	4	257	1,097	276	.251
Chas. Radbourne.....	42	3	242	974	245	.251
M. Welch.....	42	4	223	848	212	.250
Jno. M. Ward.....	43	6	453	1,916	477	.248
Frank Larkin.....	44	3	163	635	157	.247
Jno. J. Remsen.....	45	5	240	965	233	.241
M. H. McGeary.....	45	5	271	1,155	279	.241
F. J. R. Warner.....	46	3	155	609	147	.241
Alonzo Knight.....	46	4	269	1,113	268	.240
David Egglar.....	46	4	178	737	177	.240
E. J. Caskins.....	47	4	304	1,241	297	.239
Douglas Allison.....	48	3	81	315	75	.238
W. B. Foley.....	49	3	163	662	157	.237
Wm. L. Hague.....	49	4	225	962	228	.237
W. A. Harbidge.....	50	5	224	895	212	.236
F. E. Goldsmith.....	51	4	179	718	169	.235
Geo. W. Bradley.....	51	6	336	1,319	311	.235
Jacob Evans.....	52	5	367	1,424	332	.233
James McCormick.....	53	6	344	1,336	311	.232
Jno. Nelson.....	54	3	69	286	66	.229
Thos. H. Bond.....	55	5	292	1,150	263	.228
Jos. L. Quest.....	55	6	372	1,459	333	.228
S. W. Trott.....	56	3	137	540	123	.227
James F. Galvin.....	57	5	325	1,250	279	.223

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS—CONTINUED.

NAME.	Rank.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per times at Bat.
Chas. Riley.....	58	3	109	409	91	.222
F. H. Corey.....	59	3	151	587	130	.221
Jno. Richmond ..	60	4	158	618	136	.220
Chas. N. Snyder.....	60	5	306	1,196	264	.220
W. W. Carpenter.....	61	3	220	889	194	.218
Frank Hankinson....	62	5	341	1,297	281	.216
Lawrence Corcoran.....	63	4	224	899	193	.214
Geo. Creamer.....	64	5	308	1,139	243	.213
David W. Force.....	65	7	505	1,989	416	.209
W. H. Holbert.....	66	6	286	1,066	221	.207
W. H. McClellan.....	67	3	189	780	161	.206
B. Gilligan.....	68	5	252	942	188	.199
Geo. H. Derby.....	69	3	112	433	86	.198
Rob't Matthews.....	70	4	177	688	135	.196
A. J. Bushong.....	71	4	242	864	161	.186
Geo. E. Weidman.....	72	3	144	560	101	.180
W. H. White.....	73	3	186	683	100	.146

EAST VS. WEST.

The League Season of 1883 closed, as did that of 1882, with the success of the Western clubs over those of the East, though not with so large a majority of victories as in 1882. Chicago leads the West, and Boston the East. Out of the seventeen victories won by the Philadelphias, twelve were with Western clubs. The record in full is as follows:

WEST VS. EAST.

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CLUBS.	Boston.	Providence.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Games Won.	CLUBS.	Chicago.	Cleveland.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	7	7	9	12	35	Boston.....	7	10	7	10	34
Cleveland.....	4	8	7	12	31	Providence.....	7	6	7	12	32
Buffalo.....	7	7	8	9	31	New York.....	5	6	5	6	22
Detroit.....	4	2	8	11	25	Philadelphia.....	2	2	5	3	12
Lost.....	22	24	32	44	122	Lost.....	21	24	24	31	100

The record of the home games between the clubs of each section during 1883 is as follows:

CLUBS.	Boston.	Providence.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Games Won.	Games Played	CLUBS.	Chicago.	Cleveland.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Games Won.
Boston .....	..	8	7	14	29	42	Chicago.....	..	6	9	9	24
Providence	6	..	9	11	26	42	Cleveland.....	8	..	7	9	24
New York.....	7	5	..	12	34	42	Buffalo.....	5	7	..	9	21
Philadelphia.....	0	3	2	..	5	42	Detroit.....	5	5	5	..	15
Lost.....	13	16	18	37	..	..	Lost	18	18	21	27	..

It will be seen that the Bostons won in the East, with the Providences and New Yorks close behind. In the West the Chicagos and the Clevelands tied for the lead. The Clevelands, however, defeated the Chicagos in their series. The Buffalos made a very fair showing. The Philadelphias and Detroits were the "tail enders."

THE RESERVE RULE QUESTION.

The most difficult problem the League has had to solve, in legislating for the government of the professional fraternity, has been that of how to control and regulate the salaries of players. The club rivalry for the possession of the best players each season, has been, from the very outset, an obstacle to an equitable arrangement of the salary question; and this has led to an increase of club expenses of this kind until the subject became one involving the future existence of even the most wealthy of the League clubs. Within the past year or two this salary question has passed beyond the bounds of a reasonable remuneration for professional service on the ball fields, to the region of exorbitant demands, which, if complied with, would eventually bankrupt the strongest company in the professional arena. From the basis of the rule that "a player's services are to be paid for according to their real value to a club," the question has resolved itself into one in which he is to be regarded as worth all he can get, either by coercion or by reckless competition for his services. All reasonable arguments involving an equitable estimate of a ball player's work on the basis of the relation it bears to that of any other occupation he may be competent to engage in as a means of livelihood, are disregarded. Here is a ball player, who, as a street car driver or conductor, a brakesman, a porter, or an assistant at some ordinary trade in which, at his work as a common day laborer he can only com-

mand ten dollars a week for his services, and to earn that has to work laboriously from ten to fifteen hours each day; and yet this self-same individual is taught by unscrupulous or short-sighted rival clubs to believe that he is treated hardly if he is not readily given \$2,000 as salary for six months' services as a ball player, in which his work is comparatively a pleasant recreation, requiring but two or three hours of easy work each day. This is the rational view of the situation so far as equity is concerned, in estimating a ball player's real value.

Efforts were made to establish special rates governing the several positions of a club team, so as to regulate the pay according to the work done. But all such efforts failed until the rule reserving eleven men, at a stated minimum salary, was adopted. Up to this point in the history of the question fancy prices had prevailed in the professional market to an extent which threatened the future existence of the whole professional fabric. It then became a question as to whether the existing stock companies should go on until they were forced into bankruptcy, or by some stringent rule, even if, in a measure arbitrary in its enactment, a stop should be put to the fancy salary abuse. Left to itself, the evil would grow each season and bring down the whole professional structure. It was determined to put a stop to it, and adopt a rule which would preserve even players themselves from fatal results. By reserving eleven men at a salary of not *less* than \$1,000 a season the clubs placed a barrier to the further progress of the fancy salary business, and besides this they placed themselves on a securer financial footing than it was possible for them to obtain under the old order of things. It will only need another year's trial of the reserve rule to show the few players, still opposed to it, that it will accrue as much to their future pecuniary benefit as it will to the clubs themselves. The rule which builds up clubs firmer, and which aids their permanent establishment, cannot be otherwise than equally beneficial to the best interests of the club's players. The reserve rule does not lessen the salary of any player, whose marked integrity of character, exceptional ability in his field position, and faithful work in the interest of his club, makes him a valuable man to have in the club team at any salary the financial position of the club can afford to pay; but it simply places a barrier to the reckless competition for the services of men who, outside of the ball field, could not earn a tenth part of the sum they demand for base ball services. It is a defensive law against an abuse which has grown out of an excessive rivalry between individual clubs for certain over-estimated material for their field business. Below we give the letter of the law for the information of our readers.

The rule is the third of the "National Agreement." On the 25th day of September of each year, each Club member of

the parties hereto, shall transmit to the Secretary of its Association, a list of names of any players, not exceeding eleven in number, on that date under contract with such Club, which such Club desires to reserve for the ensuing year, accompanied by a statement over the signature of the Secretary of such Club, that such Club is willing to pay not less than one thousand dollars (except a Northwestern League Club, whose minimum shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars) as the compensation of each player so reserved, in the contract to be made with him for the ensuing season. And the Secretary of each Association shall, on the 1st day of October, transmit to the Secretaries of the other Associations, parties hereto, a full list of players thus reserved. The Secretary of each Association shall thereupon, on the 5th day of October, transmit to each Club member of such Association a full list of all players so reserved by all Clubs then composing the Associations, parties hereto, and no Club member of either of the parties hereto shall contract, negotiate with, or employ any player while so reserved by any other Club member of either of the parties hereto. Such reservation shall terminate when the reserving Club enters into contract with the reserved player, or release him from such reservation, or disbands, or is expelled by or resigns from its Association, party hereto, without entering into such contract, or releasing such player from such reservation.

A HINT TO PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS.

One of the weaknesses of professional players is their aptitude to "grasp at the shadow while losing the substance." This is a habit they are prone to indulge in the moment their season of service in the field ends each year, and they begin to seek for "better pastures," something which the majority seem to think is comprised solely in the fact of obtaining a larger salary. A player, we will say, is in receipt of a salary of two hundred dollars a month for six months' service, in a thoroughly responsible club, where he is well treated, and is sure of a permanent position so long as he does faithful service in his position. At the end of the season he is offered a salary considerably in excess of that he is receiving. Without due consideration of the relative positions of the two situations—the club he is with, and the one he is asked to join—and tempted by the fancy terms offered him, like the dog in the fable, he grasps at the shadow of the increased salary, and, in consequence, loses the substance of the surety he leaves behind him. Experienced players ought by this time to have practically realized the fact that it is far more to their advantage in every way for them to accept a moderate salary from a sound organization, which has

an established reputation for fair dealing with its employes than to sign for a salary double in amount offered by a less responsible club. A comfortable position in the service of a reliable company, with a moderate salary, which is sure to be forthcoming on every pay-day, and which will not be mercilessly dropped the day an accident on the field disables the player, is of far more value than is a mere boarding-place in a new club at double the salary.

The contingency of receiving permanent employment in a club, year after year, is a matter, too, for a player's serious consideration in this respect. This is especially important in the case of a player having a family. The sensible player will prefer the home position with a sure salary, even if it is not very large, to a mere stopping place for a temporary period at fancy figures. The permanency of a club's abiding place is also a matter for consideration. A club having a long lease of its grounds is better situated for a more successful career than one which may have to change its location within a year or two. Then, too, there is the reputation for considerate treatment of its professionals to be taken into consideration. A club may pay its salaries when due, and yet treat its men simply as hirelings. The club to engage with is the one which acts toward its players as if they were part and parcel of the organization, and to be considerately cared for as such.

INEBRIETY AMONG PLAYERS.

One of the prominent evils of the season of 1883 which may be justly ranked among the abuses of professional ball playing, was the drunkenness which prevailed in the ranks of many of the club teams. The number of League and American matches that were lost last season by dissipation of players would surprise the fraternity were they enumerated in full. The evil in question was bad enough in 1882, but it was still worse in 1883. The placing of inebriates on the black list was only partially successful in suppressing drunkenness in the ranks, owing to the leniency shown offenders upon their promising to reform. Just as dishonesty has been kept out of the ranks by the persistency with which the League has kept out the "crooks" from ever again being employed, so must some equally stringent rule be enforced in the case of the class of chronic drunkards. During 1883 while many of the clubs were injured by inebriates in their teams, there was scarcely one team in the arena that did not have at least one "weak brother" among its players. There is but one rule that will effectually prevent this abuse, and that is the rule which insists upon total abstinence during the entire championship season. Make this rule imperative under the forfeiture of a

fourth of a player's salary for the season, and drunkenness in the ranks would soon cease. This and a permanent place on the black list for the chronic drunkards, is the only cure for the evil.

CALLING BALLS AND STRIKES.

Umpires in considering the question of calling balls and strikes, should bear in mind the fact that, with curve-pitching, and with the great speed of the ball under the existing rule, it is a very difficult task for the batsman to hit the ball so as to make a base-hit, and still more difficult to "place" the ball—that is, to hit it to a certain position in the field aimed for; for, under the rule now in vogue, he is so cramped in his movements in batting that little latitude is allowed him for judging the ball accurately, and, consequently, chance hitting is the rule in batting, and place-hitting the exception. Umpires who desire to intelligently and equitably discharge the duties of their position, should remember these facts, and so interpret the rules in calling balls and strikes as—in common parlance—to "give the batsman a show." They must now bear in mind that the definition of a fair ball is that it must pass "*over the home-base, and at the height called for.*"

In judging of the height of the ball, "a high ball" is one sent in "higher" than the batsman's belt, but not higher than his shoulder. When the batsman, therefore, calls for "a high ball," such ball must be between the belt and the shoulder. If not so sent in they are unfair balls, whether over the plate or not. So in regard to "a low ball," the latter being a ball sent in, "not higher than his belt nor lower than his knee," consequently a waist or belt ball is a low ball, and a ball above the belt or below the knee is an unfair ball. When a "low ball" is called for, the umpire should be in all cases certain, as far as he can possibly judge, that the "high ball" is above the belt and below the shoulder; and that a "low ball" is above the knee and not higher than the belt. When there is the slightest doubt of the fact in either case, the batsman must be given the benefit of the doubt. In the matter of calling strikes, the Umpire should be as sure as he can be that in the first place the ball was sent in so that it plainly passed over the home-base, and if this was done, also that it was equally plain that it was at the height called for. In either case should there be the least doubt of the fact, then the batsman should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Time and again, last season, did we see Umpires call strikes on batsmen when the ball had curved apparently over the plate, but in reality beyond it; and also when it had been over the plate, strikes were called on high balls when low balls had been called for, and *vice versa*, simply because the Um-

pire had no defined boundary point in his mind in regard to the limit of either a high or a low ball; and in calling strikes he did not hesitate to give the benefit of the doubt to the pitcher, though well aware that the rules already give the pitcher a sufficient advantage. This season we hope to see men in the Umpire's position who will more equitably and intelligently interpret the spirit of the rules in this respect than was done in 1883, even by experienced umpires.

The task of judging such swiftly-delivered curved balls correctly is a most difficult one, needing as it does considerable courage and nerve to face such a hot fire with the chance of a severe blow from the ball. But it is a duty which has to be done, and it can just as well be done fairly as unfairly.

THE UMPIRE AND HIS POSITION.

Without thoroughly competent and honest umpires the successful progress of professional base ball playing would be impossible, no matter how strong the club teams might be, how excellent the club management, or how perfect the code of playing rules. An umpire may be competent to act in the position by reason of a thorough knowledge of the rules and of the possession of sound judgment in the position, and yet his integrity of character may be questionable in some one respect or other. He may be, on the other hand, honesty itself as regards character, but yet be unsuited for the position from his lack of a thorough acquaintance with the rules, or a want of sound judgment. Then, again, he may be both honest and competent, and yet, from the want of determination of character or of moral courage, be unsuited to properly act in the position. But, taking it for granted that he possesses all these essentials for perfect service in this position, there is one thing requisite for the successful discharge of his duties, without which he must necessarily fail, and that is *club protection* while acting in the position. The League has for several years past been striving to perfect the system of umpiring, by improving the status of umpires and amending the rules governing his position; but their efforts have failed in some quarters, from their neglect to oblige clubs to give umpires the protection they need while acting on the field. No matter to what extent an umpire may possess the courage of his convictions and a spirit of determination to see them carried into practical effect, it is impossible for him not to be more or less affected in his rendering of decisions by the insulting conduct of a crowd of prejudiced spectators, or of a gang of "club heelers" or "betting roughs." An umpire may enter the field fully bent upon doing his duty manfully, and be able to do so with sound judgment, until irri-

tated and thrown off his mental balance by the jeers and abuse of a partisan crowd. There are, of course, certain actions of a too partial assemblage of spectators, who can see nothing meritorious in the field work of any club team save the home nine, which cannot well be controlled by a club. But conduct at the hands of players and spectators at matches was permitted by certain club officials on League grounds during 1883, which was not only discreditable to the special club management which permitted it, but in direct violation of the spirit, if not of the letter, of the League rules governing the position of the umpire. This was one of the most fruitful sources of the failure of the new umpiring rules and regulations of 1883. The soundest judgment may not have prevailed in every instance of the selection of new candidates for the position; but most assuredly in such cases where a judicious choice was made, a successful result was prevented by the combined abuses of the "kicking" indulged in by badly-managed teams, and the absence of club protection of the umpire from the insults of the "heelers" and partisans in the crowd of spectators. The new rule inflicting a special fine on every player for "kicking," will do much to prevent a recurrence of the abuses in this respect of 1883; but the clubs must be made to protect umpires from the crowd, or all the new regulations made to perfect the system of umpiring, must, of necessity, fail of their object.

THE THROWING RECORD.

The best record yet attained of long distance throwing of a base ball is that which marked the throwing tourney at the old Union Ball Grounds in Brooklyn in October, 1872, Hatfield's throw on the occasion never having been surpassed. The full record is appended:

Players.	Club.	Distance Thrown.		
J. Hatfield.....	Mutual.....	133yds.	1ft.	7½in.
A. Leonard.....	Boston.....	119	1	10
G. Wright.....	Boston.....	117	1	1
Boyd.....	Mutual.....	115	1	7
W. Fisler.....	Athletic.....	112	0	6
A. C. Anson.....	Athletic.....	110	0	6

The longest throw of a cricket ball on record was by Mr. Forbes, of Oxford; aided by the wind, it reached the distance of 132 yards. This was in March, 1876.

THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

The parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual advantages to be derived therefrom, agree each with the other, as follows:

FIRST: When a player under contract by any Club member of any party hereto, is expelled, blacklisted, or suspended, in accordance with its rules, by such party hereto, notice of such disqualification shall be served upon the secretaries of the other Associations, parties hereto, by the Secretary of the Association from whose Club such player shall have been thus disqualified; and the Secretaries of such other Associations shall forthwith serve notice of such disqualification upon the Club members of such other Associations, and from the receipt of such notice, all Club members of all the parties hereto, shall be debarred from employing or playing with, or against, such disqualified player, until the period of disqualification shall have terminated, or the disqualification be revoked by the Association from which such player was disqualified, and due notice of such revocation served upon the Secretaries of the other Associations, and by them upon their respective Clubs: *Provided*, That if such disqualification terminates or is revoked on or after the expiration of the player's contract, such player shall not be eligible to contract with any Club until the expiration of ten days from the date of mailing of written notice of such termination or revocation by the Association Secretary, to the Secretaries of the other parties hereto, and such date of mailing shall be specified in such Secretary's notice to the other Secretaries, and by all the Secretaries in their notices to the Clubs of their respective Associations.

SECOND: No contract shall be made for the services of any player by any Club member of either of the parties hereto for a longer period than seven months, beginning April 1st, and terminating October 31st, and no such contract for services to be rendered after the expiration of the current year shall be made prior to the 20th day of October of such year, nor shall any negotiation be entered into by or between any Club or agent thereof, and any player, for services to be rendered in an ensuing year, prior to the said 20th day of October.

THIRD: On the 5th day of October of each year, each Club member of the parties hereto, shall transmit to the Secretary of its Association, a list of names of any players, not exceeding eleven in number, on that date under contract with such Club, which such Club desires to reserve for the ensuing year, accompanied by a statement over the signature of the Secretary of such Club, that such Club is willing to pay not less than one thousand dollars (except an Eastern League Club, whose minimum shall be eight hundred dollars, or a Northwestern League Club, whose minimum shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars) as the compensation of each player so reserved, in the contract to be made with him for the ensuing season. And the Secretary of each Association shall, on the 10th day of October, transmit to the Secretaries of the other Associations, parties

hereto, a full list of players thus reserved. The Secretary of each Association shall, thereupon, on the 15th day of October, transmit to each Club member of such Association a full list of all players so reserved by all Clubs then composing the Associations, parties hereto, and no Club member of either of the parties hereto shall contract, negotiate with, or employ any player while so reserved by any other Club member of either of the parties hereto. Such reservation shall terminate when the reserving Club enters into contract with the reserved player, or releases him from such reservation, or disbands, or is expelled by or resigns from its Association, party hereto, without entering into such contract, or releasing such player from such reservation.

FOURTH: Any contract between a Club member of any of the parties hereto and a player, made in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, shall be deemed valid and binding, and all other Clubs shall be debarred from employing or negotiating with such player during the continuance of such contract; unless it remains in force on October 20th, when such player may be negotiated or contracted with for the ensuing season, if not reserved as provided by this agreement; provided that such contract shall be considered to take effect upon receipt of written notice thereof by the Club members of the parties hereto, and the transmission of such notice by the respective Secretaries of the parties hereto, each to the other, and to their respective Clubs, is hereby made mandatory upon said Secretaries; and such notice must follow immediately upon receipt of the contracting Club's notice, in any form complying with its Association's rules, to the Secretary of the Association to which such contracting Club belongs.

FIFTH: In case any Club member of any party hereto, holding a player under reservation or by contract, shall release such player from such reservation or such contract, or shall disband or resign from or be expelled by its Association, the Secretary of such Association shall at once notify by mail in writing the Secretaries of the other Associations, parties hereto, of such release of the player, or disbandment, resignation or expulsion of the Club, as the case may be, and such player shall not be eligible to contract with any other Club until the expiration of ten days from the date of mailing of such written notice by the Secretary of the Association of which such releasing or retired Club is or was a member, and such date of mailing shall be specified in such Secretary's notice to the other Secretaries, and by all the Secretaries in their notices to the Clubs of their respective Associations.

SIXTH: No Umpire or Club Manager under contract in any Association, party hereto, shall be employed in or by any other Association, party hereto, for service as umpire, manager

or player, for the term of such contract or any part thereof, unless duly released from such contract; and the Secretary of each Association shall notify the Secretaries of all other Associations, parties hereto, of all contracts with, and releases of, Umpires and Club Managers.

SEVENTH: No Club that was not a member of any party hereto, on the 10th day of October, 1883, shall be entitled to membership in any party hereto, or be admitted to membership by any party hereto, from any city or town in which, on that date, any Club member of any party hereto was located, (except that the preceding provisions of this Section shall not apply to the Monumental Club of Baltimore, Maryland,) and any Club member of any party hereto, shall forfeit all rights and privileges conferred by this agreement in the event of its removal from the city or town where located when admitted to membership by any party hereto, provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any Club member of any party hereto from resigning its membership in any party hereto, and being admitted to membership in any other party hereto, with all rights and privileges conferred by this agreement.

EIGHTH: No game of ball shall be played between any Club member of any party hereto, and any other Club that employs, or presents in its nine, any player held by reservation or contract by any Club member of any party hereto under the terms of this agreement, or disqualified by any party hereto, nor shall any Club member of any party hereto play against any Club that shall have, at any time during the same playing season, played a game of ball with any other Club employing or presenting in its nine any player ineligible, as specified in this section. *Provided*, That in case the Club employing such ineligible player shall discharge him from its service, Club members of the parties hereto may thereafter play against such Club, and against other Clubs that may have played such Club while employing such player.

NINTH: Any disputes or complaints arising out of the performance of the stipulations of this agreement, and any alleged violations of this agreement; also, any question of interpretation of any stipulation of this agreement, shall be referred to an Arbitration Committee, to consist of three representatives of each party hereto, to be appointed prior to the 31st day of March, in each year, by the parties hereto. Notice of such appointment to be served upon the Secretaries of each Association; and the decision of such Arbitration Committee upon such matters, or any of them, shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

TENTH: The term of service of each member of the Arbitration Committee shall be one year, ending March 31st,

and any vacancy arising in said committee shall be filled by the party hereto in whose delegation such vacancy occurs. Any party hereto shall also have the right to change its representation in such committee at any time.

ELEVENTH: The Arbitration Committee shall have power to inflict upon any Club member of any party hereto, the penalty of forfeiture of all rights and privileges derived by such Club from this agreement, for the violation by such Club of any of the stipulations or requirements of this agreement, and such forfeiture shall take effect upon the receipt by the Secretaries of the parties hereto of a certificate of the findings and verdict of the Arbitration Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have, by the President of each of the parties hereto, thereunto duly authorized, signed this agreement on the dates set opposite their respective signatures.

A. G. MILLS,

Prest. National League of P. B. B. C., Nov. 22.

H. D. McKNIGHT,

Prest. American Association, of P. B. B. C., Dec. 13.

ELIAS MATTER,

Prest. Northwestern League, of P. B. B. C. Jan. 10, 1884.

W. C. SEDDON,

Prest. Eastern League, of P. B. B. C. Feb. 19, 1884.

THE AMERICAN SEASON OF 1883.

The first season of the American Association in 1882 was exceptionally successful for an inaugural campaign, but it did not approach that of their season of 1883, the financial prosperity of which was very remarkable. This result was largely due to the tripartite agreement, entered into by the three professional associations of the year. But for the harmony between the clubs of the rival associations which this agreement led to, no such financial success would have been achieved. Just as individual clubs find it of vital importance to their successful existence to attach themselves to some professional association for protection from the drawbacks of an isolated position; so do associations find it to their mutual advantage to combine together to protect themselves from sundry evils surrounding every prominent sporting association of the country, the evils in question in the base ball arena, consisting of dishonest play, dissipation and gross acts of insubordination in the ranks of their players.

Eight clubs entered the lists in 1883 in competition for the American championship, besides which nearly as many attached themselves to the American Alliance, the majority of the latter comprising the clubs of the Inter-state Association, which itself had quite a successful season considering the

drawbacks they had to encounter. These Alliance clubs served a good purpose by forming a sort of primary base ball school for players who ultimately entered the higher professional institutions. Apparently the League and the American Association think this class of clubs have carried out the original object of their organization, as both associations have since abolished their Alliance branches.

The opening of the American season in April was marked by a very interesting and paying series of contests between the League and American teams, which enabled both sets of clubs to benefit by good preliminary field practice for their respective championship campaigns. (The record of these contests will be found in the review of the League season.) In these games it was shown that the American teams had been greatly strengthened since 1882, for in that year out of twenty-seven such games played the League clubs lost but two; whereas, in 1883 the American clubs scored twenty-two victories out of eighty-nine games played. The American season of '83 was replete with exciting contests during the championship campaign, and the closing month's contests were especially interesting, it being a toss-up during the very last week of the campaign as to which of the two leading clubs in the pennant race—the Philadelphia Athletics or the St. Louis team—would eventually win the honors. In one respect the race was an exceptional one in championship history, inasmuch as it was won by one game only, and that on the very last day of the championship season. It may be said that never before in any championship campaign was the fact of the importance of a single game, and even a single run so strikingly illustrated as in the American pennant race of '83. This was shown on the occasion of the last championship match of the season at Louisville. The Athletics had closed their series of matches at St. Louis with a feeling of satisfaction in having thus virtually won the championship, and great preparations were in progress in Philadelphia to give the "champions" a grand public reception. Before they could win the pennant, however, they had to play four games with the Eclipse team at Louisville. These games were regarded as almost sure for the Athletics, but as the score of each day's game was telegraphed to Philadelphia and it was seen that the result was victory for the Eclipse, the Athletics' friends in Philadelphia began to be "in a highly nervous state." On the day of the last match game at Louisville when the ninth innings ended in a tie score of 6 to 6, all Philadelphia became excited. At last came the final dispatch announcing that the Athletics had made the winning run in the tenth innings, and by this single run was the championship decided. Such close running as this shows how important it is in contests for championship honors not to

throw away a single point, no matter how certain a club may be of final success.

The monthly record of the American season, like that of the League, exhibited some singular alternations in the progress of the leading clubs. The season's experience, too, proved very conclusively that, given pretty equal teams in the arena, good management and that alone, will decide the contest. The Athletics started off in the race in May with quite a spurt, but in consequence of the crippled condition of their main battery they fell off in their running in June; they winning 18 out of 21 games in May, while in June they won but 9 out of 17. By July, however, they had settled down to a winning pace and they kept it up nearly to the finish, the Metropolitan Club giving them important aid not only by keeping down the record of rival leaders in the race—especially in the case of Cincinnati—but in other respects also, as the record shows. The St. Louis Club did not pan out well at the start, as they only won 11 out of 21 games, but with able management and steady playing they regained their lost ground and gave the Athletics the closest kind of a push in the race. The Cincinnati made good and steady running from the start to the finish, the chief drawback to their final success being the set-back they received at the hands of the strong team of the Metropolitan Club, their four defeats in New York being very damaging to them. The Metropolitans ran poorly from the very outset of the race, they breaking up very badly in June, in which month they won but 5 games out of 17 played. They rallied well in July, however, and it then looked as if they might eventually win, but they were unable to maintain their July standard of play, and finally had to be content with fourth position, when with the team they had they ought to have been nearer the front. The Eclipse team began well, and secured a promising position in the race from the start, and they kept up their pace until the latter part of July, when they fell off badly, and in August they tripped to the tune of but 7 won games out of 14 played. Their brilliant spurt during the last week of the campaign showed pretty conclusively what the team was capable of when they were spurred up to do the best they could. The Columbus Club started with a very poor exhibition of running, they winning but 5 out of 22 games in May, and the Alleghenys and Baltimores did very little better. In fact, neither had the least show of success from the very outset of the campaign. Lack of confidence in the management hampered the progress of the one, and drunkenness in the ranks proved a serious drawback to the success of the other; while good management proved inadequate to offset the drawbacks of a weak and experimental team in the instance of the third team of the three. Below will be found the full monthly record of the American Club season of '83.

• CLUBS.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			TOTAL.		
	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P
Athletic.	18	3	21	9	8	17	12	7	20	14	7	21	12	7	19	66	32	98
St. Louis.	11	10	21	14	4	18	16	6	20	14	6	20	10	7	17	65	33	98
Cincinnati.	12	8	20	10	7	17	14	8	22	13	8	21	12	6	18	61	37	98
Metropolitan.	13	9	21	5	12	17	13	7	20	14	7	21	9	7	16	54	42	96
Eclipse.	11	8	19	13	5	18	11	11	22	7	14	21	10	7	17	52	45	97
Columbus.	5	17	22	8	9	17	6	15	21	7	14	21	6	10	16	32	65	97
Allegheny.	7	13	20	7	11	18	6	16	22	6	15	21	5	12	17	31	67	98
Baltimore.	6	15	21	4	14	18	6	14	20	8	12	20	4	13	17	28	68	96
Total.	83	83		70	70		85	85		83	83		68	68		389	389	

Full season's record, showing the relative position in the pennant race of each of the eight clubs.

	Athletic.	St. Louis.	Cincinnati.	Metropolitan.	Eclipse.	Columbus.	Allegheny.	Baltimore.	Won.	Games played	Games drawn	Games to play
Athletic. ....	..	9	5	9	7	13	12	11	66	98	0	0
St. Louis.	5	..	6	11	8	11	12	11	65	98	0	0
Cincinnati.	9	8	..	4	10	11	8	11	61	98	0	0
Metropolitan.	5	3	10	..	6	11	9	10	54	96	1	2
Eclipse.	7	6	4	7	..	9	11	8	52	97	1	1
Columbus.	1	3	3	3	5	..	10	7	32	97	0	1
Allegheny.	2	2	6	5	3	4	..	9	31	98	0	0
Baltimore.	3	2	3	3	6	6	5	..	28	96	0	2
Games lost.	32	33	37	42	45	65	67	68	389			
Series won.	5	5	6	4	3	1	1	0				
Series lost.	1	2	1	2	2	5	6	6				
Series drawn.	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1				

The return of the Athletics to Philadelphia as the champions of the American Association was attended with reception ceremonies unprecedented in the history of the national game. Over 7,000 people were in the reception procession, and the streets through which it passed were brilliantly illuminated, and thronged by thousands of people. The exhibition games played in October by the champions and League clubs showed that they were not able to cope successfully with the League teams for they not only lost the final series of matches for the city championship of Philadelphia—won by the Philadelphia League Club by five games to four—but they only won one game out of their October series with League teams, and they lost the championship of the United States by their failure to play their appointed series of games with the League champions of Boston, though all three games were arranged to be played on the Athletics' own grounds.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AVERAGE.

The averages of the American Association clubs for 1883 are not based on very reliable data, but such as they are we give them below. There was altogether too much variance of opinions in the scoring to make the returns reliable as a basis for judging a player's skill by his record. Not only was there evidence of club favoritism in the returns, but the scoring rules of the Association were not properly observed, especially in regard to the placing of assistance on strikes in the summary of the score instead of in the column of "assistance," and the consequence was a great deal of credit was given pitchers for *fielding* assistance which was due only to *pitching* assistance. A sample of the incorrectness of the batting averages of the American Association is shown in the record of Tom Mansell, who played in the Detroit Club early in the season, and in the St. Louis Club in the latter part. In the League averages Mansell stands 69th on the list. In the American averages he holds the lead. Now, there is no such inferiority of pitching and fielding support shown by the American clubs in comparison to the work done by the League clubs to show such a difference as this, and therefore the cause of it is to be found in the unreliable data furnished the American Association Secretary. The record is as follows:

Batting Rank.	NAME	CLUB.	Games.	Percentage of B. H. to T. at B.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	T. Mansell.....	St. Louis.....	27	.357	.833
2	Browning.....	Eclipse.....	83	.349	.864
3	Swartwood.....	Allegheny.....	92	.341	.923
4	Orr.....	Metropolitan.....	13	.327	.955
5	H. McCormick.....	Cincinnati.....	14	.321	.935
6	Stovey.....	Athletic.....	93	.318	.962
7	Lewis.....	St. Louis.....	46	.316	.816
8	P. Baker.....	Baltimore.....	25	.314	.874
9	Carpenter.....	Cincinnati.....	94	.308	.868
10	Clinton.....	Baltimore.....	94	.306	.841
11	Rowe.....	Baltimore.....	60	.303	.805
12	Nolan.....	Allegheny.....	6	.297	.706
13	Whiting.....	Eclipse.....	55	.295	.878
14	Valentine.....	Columbus.....	15	.294	.863
15	Nelson.....	Metropolitan.....	96	.291	.884
16	Comiskey.....	St. Louis.....	95	.290	.950

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AVERAGE.—*Continued.*

Batting Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Percentage of B. H. to T. at B.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
17	Reilly.....	Cincinnati.....	96	.289	.965
18	C. Jones.....	Cincinnati.....	88	.285	.883
19	{ Dickerson.....	Allegheny.....	86	.283	.785
	{ Moynahan.....	Athletic.....	93	.283	.890
21	{ J. O'Brien.....	Athletic.....	93	.281	.856
	{ Sommer.....	Cincinnati.....	97	.281	.849
23	Brady....	Metropolitan.....	97	.280	.960
24	T. Brown.....	Columbus.....	97	.276	.873
25	{ W. Gleason.....	St. Louis.....	95	.274	.876
	{ Richmond.....	Columbus.....	91	.274	.872
27	J. Gleason.....	Eclipse.....	93	.272	.812
28	Gerhardt.....	Eclipse.....	77	.270	.901
29	Quest.....	St. Louis.....	19	.265	.886
30	Hecker.....	Eclipse.....	79	.264	.938
31	Nicol.....	St. Louis.....	85	.263	.876
32	H. O'Brien.....	Baltimore.....	32	.262	.817
33	Roseman.....	Metropolitan.....	93	.260	.877
34	Smith.....	Columbus.....	96	.258	.900
35	O'Rourke.....	Metropolitan.....	79	.256	.854
36	{ Corey.....	Athletic.....	71	.254	.861
	{ Stricker.....	Athletic.....	89	.254	.836
38	Say.....	Baltimore.....	72	.253	.805
39	J. McCormick.....	Baltimore.....	84	.252	.812
	{ Deasley.....	St. Louis.....	53	.250	.912
40	{ Esterbrook.....	Metropolitan.....	41	.250	.877
	{ Wolf.....	Eclipse.....	88	.250	.876
	Gardner.....	Baltimore.....	97	.250	.837
44	Blakiston.....	Athletic.....	40	.249	.860
45	{ Taylor.....	Allegheny.....	80	.248	.840
	{ G. Latham.....	Eclipse.....	90	.248	.931
47	Fulmer.....	Cincinnati.....	82	.247	.871
48	Snyder.....	Cincinnati.....	58	.245	.883
49	Crowley.....	Athletic.....	22	.244	.784
50	Creamer.....	Allegheny.....	89	.243	.915
51	Reid.....	Baltimore.....	23	.242	.828
52	M. Mansell.....	Allegheny.....	90	.240	.864
53	Fields.....	Columbus.....	75	.239	.938
54	Holbert.....	Metropolitan.....	71	.238	.903
55	Knight.....	Athletic.....	97	.237	.854
56	Bradley.....	Athletic.....	73	.235	.811
	{ Crane.....	Metropolitan.....	97	.234	.850
57	{ Hayes.....	Allegheny.....	82	.234	.876
	{ Stearns.....	Baltimore.....	92	.231	.945
58	{ Barr.....	Allegheny.....	28	.230	.873
	{ Mann.....	Columbus.....	96	.230	.864
59	{ Birchall.....	Athletic.....	95	.230	.864
	{ G. Baker.....	Baltimore.....	6	.230	.800
63	W. Latham.....	St. Louis.....	97	.228	.865

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AVERAGE.—*Continued.*

Batting Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Percentage of B. H. to T. at B.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
64	{ McPhee.....	Cincinnati.....	94	.225	.921
	{ Sullivan.....	Eclipse.....	36	.225	.867
	{ Wheeler.....	Columbus.....	83	.225	.841
	{ Corkhill.....	Cincinnati.....	86	.222	.945
	{ Dolan.....	St. Louis.....	78	.222	.912
67	{ White.....	Cincinnati.....	65	.222	.874
	{ Kuehne.....	Columbus.....	96	.222	.851
	{ Kelly.....	Baltimore.....	47	.222	.773
72	Keefe.....	Metropolitan.....	70	.220	.883
73	Mountain.....	Columbus.....	71	.216	.912
74	Kennedy.....	Metropolitan.....	97	.215	.915
75	Rowen.....	Baltimore.....	50	.212	.836
76	{ Strief.....	St. Louis.....	78	.211	.894
	{ McGuinness.....	St. Louis.....	43	.211	.894
78	Manning.....	Baltimore.....	33	.208	.900
79	T. McLaughlin.....	Eclipse.....	42	.206	.872
80	Sweeny.....	Baltimore.....	25	.205	.884
81	{ Kemmler.....	Columbus.....	85	.202	.858
	{ Battin.....	Allegheny.....	96	.202	.882
83	Mullane.....	St. Louis.....	77	.201	.923
	{ Mack.....	Allegheny.....	60	.200	.912
	{ Traffley.....	Cincinnati.....	29	.200	.836
84	{ McLaughlin.....	Allegheny.....	27	.200	.833
	{ Neagle.....	Allegheny.....	27	.200	.819
88	Weaver.....	Eclipse.....	50	.195	.948
89	Eggler.....	Baltimore.....	53	.193	.909
90	{ D. Jones.....	Athletic.....	7	.190	.800
	{ Maskrey.....	Eclipse.....	96	.190	.914
92	Reipschlagel.....	Metropolitan.....	35	.189	.938
93	Pierce.....	Columbus.....	10	.188	.765
94	Driscoll.....	Allegheny.....	41	.185	.922
95	L. Brown.....	Eclipse.....	14	.180	.865
96	Leary.....	Eclipse and Baltimore.....	43	.178	.812
97	Mathews.....	Athletic.....	43	.173	.900
98	Loftus.....	St. Louis.....	6	.170	.882
99	Luff.....	Eclipse.....	6	.168	.853
100	Morgan.....	Allegheny.....	30	.167	.818
101	Gallagher.....	Baltimore.....	14	.165	.710
102	Cuthbert.....	St. Louis.....	21	.158	.850
103	Bakeley.....	Athletic.....	8	.156	.964
104	Lynch.....	Metropolitan.....	29	.155	.818
105	Dundon.....	Columbus.....	25	.151	.861
106	Macullar.....	Cincinnati.....	14	.148	.833
107	Straub.....	Columbus.....	27	.135	.898
108	Emslie.....	Baltimore.....	20	.130	.903
109	Deagle.....	Cincinnati.....	19	.130	.842
110	Overbeck.....	Allegheny and St. Louis.....	5	.125	.982

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION PLAYERS UNDER ENGAGEMENT FOR 1884.

ATHLETICS.

Halsey, Chas.	Larkins, Henry	Atkinson, A. W.
Houck, S. P.	Milligan, John	Rowan, Ed.
Mathews, Robt	Knight, Alonzo	Birchell, A. J.
Stovey, H. D.	Stricker, Jas.	Moynahan, M.
Blakiston, Robt	Corey, Fred.	O'Brien, John

BALTIMORE.

Traffley, Wm.	Maculler, J. F.	Ernslic, R. D.
Sommer, J.	Manning, Tim.	Stearns, D. E.
Henderson, H.	Broughton, Cal.	Clinton, J. S.
McLaughlin, J. D.	Roxburgh, J. A.	Ake, John L.
Trott, Sam'l W.	Gardner, Frank	

BROOKLYN.

Corcoran, John	Farran, J. J.	Kimber, S. J.
Terry, W. H.	Householder, C. W.	Greenwood, W. F.
Cassidy, Jno. P.	Walker, Oscar	Mack, D. J.
Warner, Fred. J.		

CINCINNATI.

McPhee, J. A.	Jones, C. W.	Reilly, J. G.
Corkhill, J. S.	Carpenter, W. W.	Deagle, Benj.
Peoples, J. E.	White, W. H.	Montjoy, W. R.
Fulmer, C.	Snyder, C. N.	Powers, Phil.
Weihl, J.	Shallix, Gus.	Mansell, Thos.
Miller, Geo.	Reeder, J. E.	Pendleton, E. C.
Winkleman, G. W.	Woulfe, Jas. J.	

COLUMBUS.

Smith, C. M.	Kemmler, R.	Field, Jas.
Kuehne, W. J.	Dundon, E. J.	Mann, F. I.
Brown, Thos. J	Richmond, J.	Mountatn, F. H.

ECLIPSE.

Latham, Geo. W.	Browning, Louis	Wolf, Wm.
Hecker, Guy	Whiting, E.	Sullivan, D.
McLaughlin, Thos.	Gerhardt, Jos. J.	Maskry, L.
Miller, P.	Walsh, M.	Driscoll, J.
Hunter, Wm. F.	Andrews, Wm.	Cline, John

INDIANAPOLIS.

Kerins, J. A.	Peltz, Jno.	Callahan, P.
Dorgan, J.	Keenan, J. W.	McKean, L. J.
Downing, Thos F.	Thompson, J. P. F.	Phillips, Marr.

METROPOLITAN—NEW YORK.

Kennedy, Ed.	Holbort, W. M.	Reipschlager, C.
Keefe, T. J.	Orr, D.	Crane, S. N.
Esterbrook, J. T.	Brady, S.	Nelson, Jno.
Roseman, Jas.	Breitenstien, A.	

TOLEDO.

Welch, C.	Miller, Joe.	Barkley, S. W.
O'Day, H. M.	Lane, Geo. M.	Walker, M. F.
Tilley, J. C.	Poorman, T. J.	Gillman, P. C.
Bullis, S.	Moffet, Joseph	Morton, Chas. H.
Mullaine, Tony		

ST. LOUIS.

Comiskey, C. A.	Strief, G. A.	Lewis, F.
Dolan, T.	Davis, John A.	Latham, W. A.
Wheeler, H.	Quest, Joe L.	Gleason, W. G.
Struve, Al.	Goldsby, W. H.	Hungler, A. C.
Deasley, Thos.	O'Neill, J. E.	Henson, M. D.
Alvord, W. C.	Ward, J. T.	Hickman, E.
Wagner, G. C.	Krehmeyer, Chas,	Hill, L. C.
Andrews, W. W.	Daly, C. C.	Nicol, Hugh
McGinnis, Geo.		

WASHINGTON.

Gladman, J. H.	Yewell, E. L.	Cox, Rob't H.
Ward, John	Joy, A. C.	Beach, J.
Morgan, Wm.	Trumbull, E. J.	Finnelly, F. J.
Hammill, Jno. C.	Hawkes, T. B.	

ALLEGHENY.

Cross, A.	Miller, G.	Beck, F. J.
Fox, J. J.	Cramer, Geo.	Albert, A. P.
Neagle, John	Haires, John S.	Swartwood, C. E.
Barr, Rob't. M.	Otterson, W. J.	Battin, Jas. V.
White, W. D.	Lauer, Jno. C.	Balsley, G. W.
Peters, Jno. P.	McDonald, Jas.	Sullivan, F. P.
Colgan, W. H.	Tray, Jas.	Mansall, M. R.

THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE SEASON OF 1883.

The most noteworthy championship campaign of 1883 outside of the League and American arenas was that of the Northwestern League, comprising the eight clubs of Toledo, Saginaw, Peoria, Grand Rapids, Springfield, Bay City, Fort Wayne, and Quincy. The feature of the campaign was the success of the Toledo Club's team in winning the pennant, after being beaten in nine games out of the twelve they played with the Saginaw Club's team. This was but one of the varying phases of the campaign, inasmuch as the Saginaws lost seven of their twelve games with the Springfield team, and yet the latter were defeated ten times out of their twelve games with the Peorias, and the Saginaws beat the Peorias eight games out of twelve. These variations led to several interesting positions in the race, especially toward the close of the season. But for the Springfield team, which the Saginaws found to be their most successful opponents, the latter team would have won the pennant. The Peoria team at the outset took a decided lead, and then, exhibiting a falling-off in play, had a hard fight with the Grand Rapids Club to retain possession of even third place. The Bay City and Fort Wayne Clubs closely contended for sixth place, the former winning by virtue of one more victory. The Quincy team finished eighth, having been badly beaten in almost all of their games with the four leading contestants, while they stood tied in victories in the series with the other three clubs. The Toledo team took the lead in batting and base-running and ranked second in fielding. The Bay City led in fielding and ranked sixth in batting and base-running. The Grand Rapids Club stood second in batting and base-running, although occupying only the seventh place in fielding. The Peoria, Saginaw, and Fort Wayne teams came next, being very evenly matched in batting, base-running, and fielding. The Springfields, although third in fielding, were next to the lowest in batting and base-running, while the Quincy Club occupied the unenviable position of last in all three departments. In thirty-five championship games of the campaign the losing club failed to score a single run, and in four of these matches the winning team only secured a single run, these figures showing remarkably fine play, one contest of these four exceptional games being marked by twelve innings play, viz.: That of June 16, between the Grand Rapids and Springfield teams. Four other finely contested games were drawn with equal scores, of which one occupied eleven innings, and the other three ten innings each. The players of the champion team, the Toledos, were. Moffit and O'Day, pitchers, Walker and Lockwood, catchers; Lane, Barkley, and Morton, on the bases; Miller, short-stop; and Tillew, Welch, and Poorman in the out-

field. The following players excelled in fielding in the different positions: Brown, pitcher; Gunning, catcher; Houtz, Barkley, and McSorley on the bases; Miller, short-stop; and J. Mansell, Remsen, and Ellick in the outfield. Brown and Gunning, played with the Springfield Club, Barkley and Miller with the Toledo, Houtz with Grand Rapids, McSorley with Peoria, Mansell with Saginaw, Ellick with Springfield, and Remsen with Fort Wayne and Bay City. The "Spalding League Ball" was used in all championship games, and the same has again been adopted for 1884.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1883.

Secretary S. G. Morton furnishes the following official batting and fielding averages of Northwestern League players and clubs for the season of 1883.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB	Games Played.	Average of Runs.	Base-Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits.
1	Hunter.....	Toledo	16	0.87	27	.391
2	Eden	Grand Rapids.....	80	1.02	130	.359
3	Jones.....	"	80	1.08	120	.344
4	Remsen	Bay City.....	78	0.66	98	.340
5	Morton	Toledo.....	67	0.95	87	.335
6	Reed	Grand Rapids.....	30	1.30	44	.321
7	Miller.....	Toledo.....	83	0.71	115	.318
8	Gorman	Quincy.....	43	0.88	58	.315
9	Brown.....	Fort Wayne.....	70	0.81	79	.298
10	{ Clarkson	Saginaw	64	0.73	84	.295
	{ Lavin	Bay City.....	76	0.67	93	.295
11	Welch	Toledo.....	50	1.08	59	.293
12	Levis	Peoria.....	83	0.75	113	.293
13	Sullivan	Grand Rapids.....	17	0.98	23	.291
14	Gunning	Springfield.....	55	0.80	70	.290
15	Fulmer	Peoria.....	22	0.68	22	.289
16	{ Pinkney.....	"	84	0.86	112	.288
	{ Caruthers	Grand Rapids.....	50	1.01	63	.288
17	Peters	Springfield.....	44	0.61	57	.287
18	{ Barkley	Toledo.....	80	0.85	107	.286
	{ Krieg	Peoria.....	40	0.62	47	.286
19	Sexton	Quincy	72	0.75	84	.281
20	Morrissey	Bay City	79	0.58	62	.278
21	Colgan	Springfield.....	38	0.63	41	.277
	{ Scott	Fort Wayne.....	75	0.68	88	.276
	Poorman.....	Toledo	77	1.10	101	.276
22	Gastfield.....	Grand Rapids.....	37	0.64	29	.276
	Shoenick	Springfield.....	60	0.50	67	.276
	Houtz.....	Grand Rapids....	30	0.90	35	.276
	West	Saginaw	65	0.89	83	.276
23	Manning.....	Springfield.....	78	0.76	90	.274

BATTING AVERAGES.—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Play'd	Average of Runs.	Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits.
24	{ McSorley	Peoria.....	79	0.75	91	.270
	{ Ellick	Springfield.....	73	0.63	81	.270
	{ Horan	Peoria.....	34	0.85	40	.270
25	{ Phillips.....	Fort Wayne.....	80	0.70	96	.265
26	{ Hawes	Saginaw.....	71	1.07	87	.263
27	{ Mansell	".....	81	0.50	90	.260
28	{ Whitney	".....	82	0.86	90	.259
29	{ Hengle	Springfield.....	79	0.74	90	.258
30	{ Birch	Peoria.....	25	0.88	30	.256
31	{ Powell	".....	16	0.50	17	.253
	{ Meinke	Grand Rapids.....	84	0.38	60	.251
32	{ Walker	Toledo.....	60	0.65	59	.251
	{ McDonough.....	Fort Wayne.....	44	0.70	43	.251
33	{ Tilley	Toledo.....	80	0.73	82	.250
	{ Nichols	Saginaw	47	0.51	49	.247
34	{ Swartz	Peoria.....	50	0.78	54	.247
	{ O'Day	Toledo.....	61	0.87	75	.247
35	{ Phelan	Peoria.....	69	0.57	67	.245
36	{ Geiss.....	Fort Wayne.....	63	0.61	57	.244
37	{ Foster.....	Saginaw.....	77	0.61	74	.238
	{ McGunnigle.....	".....	81	0.69	74	.237
38	{ Baldwin	Quincy.....	73	0.57	72	.237
	{ Cudworth	Bay City.....	61	0.44	57	.237
39	{ Sullivan	Quincy.....	81	0.61	88	.235
	{ Davis.....	".....	79	0.74	83	.235
40	{ Householder	Springfield.....	69	0.63	68	.234
	{ Fusselbach	Peoria.....	68	0.69	70	.233
41	{ Sweeney	".....	60	0.88	62	.233
	{ Ross	Grand Rapids.....	42	0.64	40	.233
42	{ Isaacson	Quincy.....	77	0.59	67	.231
43	{ Hillary	Fort Wayne.....	79	0.60	64	.229
44	{ Tray	Bay City.....	46	0.60	44	.226
45	{ Fries	".....	23	0.65	21	.225
46	{ Stockwell	Grand Rapids.....	57	0.63	52	.224
47	{ Behel	Fort Wayne.....	15	0.80	15	.223
	{ Kent	Peoria.....	38	0.60	32	.223
48	{ Forest.....	Fort Wayne.....	62	0.53	57	.222
49	{ Merrill	".....	76	0.50	70	.221
50	{ Kinzie	".....	74	0.60	74	.220
51	{ Black	Quincy.....	61	0.63	56	.218
52	{ O'Neil	".....	46	0.50	38	.217
53	{ Robinson	Saginaw	64	0.87	53	.215
54	{ Goetzean	Grand Rapids....	37	0.56	30	.215
55	{ Moffit	Toledo.....	51	0.50	41	.214
56	{ Hogan	Peoria.....	18	0.77	16	.213
57	{ Terbody	Bay City.....	22	0.59	18	.211
58	{ Butler	".....	53	0.50	41	.206
	{ Foutz.....	".....	61	0.63	67	.205
59	{ Riley	".....	49	0.43	41	.205
	{ Smith.....	Grand Rapids.....	16	0.75	15	.201
60	{ Knowdell.....	Bay City.....	47	0.46	34	.201

BATTING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUBS.	Games Play'd	Average of Runs.	Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits.
61	Knight	Quincy.....	31	0.29	25	.200
	Roche.....	Bay City.....	27	0.57	24	.200
62	Hunter	Saginaw	40	0.62	30	.197
	Featherstone	Quincy.....	43	0.56	33	.197
63	Reeder.....	Springfield	25	0.44	22	.196
64	Suck.....	Fort Wayne.....	22	0.50	17	.193
65	McQuaid	Bay City.....	38	0.63	27	.188
66	Yott.....	Fort Wayne.....	27	0.22	18	.185
67	Lane	Toledo.....	75	0.76	57	.180
68	Stapleton	Springfield	42	0.52	31	.174
69	Irwin	Bay City.....	84	0.57	56	.170
70	Arundel.....	Saginaw.....	34	0.35	20	.166
71	Jones.....	Springfield.....	62	0.67	43	.162
72	Sullivan	".....	46	0.43	29	.160
73	McArthur	Saginaw.....	15	0.33	9	.157
74	Lockwood	Toledo.....	17	0.46	10	.153
75	Roberts.....	Quincy.....	28	0.71	25	.142
76	Piggatt.....	Toledo.....	16	0.50	8	.129

In the above records no man appears who played less than fifteen games.

THE FIELDING RECORDS.

PITCHERS' RECORD.

Rank.	NAMES.	CLUB.	Number Games.	Percentage of chances accepted.
1	Brown	Fort Wayne.....	44	.931
2	Sullivan.....	Springfield.....	42	.898
3	Clarkson.....	Saginaw.....	21	.894
4	Moffit.....	Toledo.....	20	.892
5	Foutz.....	Bay City.....	43	.891
6	O'Day.....	Toledo.....	29	.886
7	Goetzean.....	Grand Rapids.....	37	.861
8	Nichols.....	Saginaw.....	16	.848
9	Sweeney.....	Peoria.....	38	.844
10	McArthur.....	Saginaw.....	15	.842
11	Geiss.....	Fort Wayne.....	37	.840
12	Kent.....	Peoria.....	34	.831
13	Knight	Bay City.....	25	.814
14	Black.....	Quincy.....	30	.751

CATCHERS' RECORD.

1	Cummings.....	Springfield.....	40	.952
2	Tray.....	Bay City.....	39	.853
3	McDonough.....	Fort Wayne.....	26	.869
4	Colgan.....	Springfield.....	34	.840
5	Baldwin.....	Quincy.....	53	.835
6	Yott.....	Fort Wayne.....	27	.828
7	Hunter.....	Saginaw.....	38	.827
8	Gastfield.....	Grand Rapids.....	30	.817
9	Fusselbach.....	Peoria.....	47	.808
10	Riley.....	Bay City.....	23	.806
11	Suck.....	Fort Wayne.....	16	.805
12	{ Arundel.....	Saginaw.....	33	.783
	{ Walker.....	Toledo.....	60	.783
13	Lockwood.....	".....	17	.782
14	Stockwell.....	Grand Rapids.....	48	.781
16	Featherstone.....	Quincy.....	18	.737
15	Fulmer.....	Peoria.....	16	.734
17	Horan.....	".....	15	.673

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAMES.	CLUBS.	No. Games.	Chances Accepted.
1	Houtz.....	Grand Rapids.....	29	.980
2	Scott.....	Fort Wayne.....	72	.966
3	Shoenick.....	Springfield.....	60	.961
4	Isaacson.....	Quincy.....	77	.956
5	Levis.....	Peoria.....	82	.952
6	Irwin.....	Bay City.....	75	.950
7	Lane.....	Toledo.....	75	.947
8	Hawes.....	Saginaw.....	70	.935
9	Ross.....	Grand Rapids.....	26	.914

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Barkley.....	Toledo.....	77	.920
2	Hengle.....	Springfield.....	79	.899
3	Keirns.....	Grand Rapids.....	83	.897
4	{ O'Neil.....	Quincy.....	35	.881
	{ Foster.....	Saginaw.....	69	.881
5	Phelan.....	Peoria.....	64	.879
6	Merrill.....	Fort Wayne.....	67	.875
7	Butler.....	Bay City.....	52	.848
8	West.....	Saginaw.....	24	.832

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	McSorley.....	Peoria.....	75	.866
3	Morrissey.....	Bay City.....	72	.842
2	Whitney.....	Saginaw.....	78	.839
4	Morton.....	Toledo.....	29	.838
5	Manning.....	Springfield.....	40	.828
6	Meinke.....	Grand Rapids.....	84	.824
7	Davis.....	Quincy.....	77	.820
8	Kmzie.....	Fort Wayne.....	52	.755
9	O'Day.....	Toledo.....	22	.744
10	Householder.....	Springfield.....	21	.722
11	Hillary.....	Fort Wayne.....	17	.690

SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAMES.	CLUB.	No. Games.	Chances Accepted.
1	Miller.....	Toledo.....	83	.892
2	Peters.....	Springfield.....	42	.890
3	Philips.....	Fort Wayne.....	71	.866
4	Reed.....	Grand Rapids.....	30	.862
5	Terbody.....	Bay City.....	22	.855
6	Pinkney.....	Peoria.....	83	.841
7	Manning.....	Springfield.....	37	.828
8	Robinson.....	Saginaw.....	62	.814
9	Roche.....	Bay City.....	27	.800
10	Sexton.....	Quincy.....	67	.794
11	Jones.....	Grand Rapids.....	30	.733

OUT-FIELDERS.

1	Riley.....	Bay City.....	26	.965
2	Ross.....	Grand Rapids.....	16	.942
3	Knowdell.....	Bay City.....	20	.930
4	Ellick.....	Springfield.....	70	.920
5	Mansell.....	Saginaw.....	78	.911
6	Remsen.....	Bay City.....	77	.906
7	Jones.....	Grand Rapids.....	60	.901
8	Welch.....	Toledo.....	44	.900
9	Behel.....	Fort Wayne.....	15	.894
10	Cudworth.....	Bay City.....	44	.890
11	Eden.....	Grand Rapids.....	76	.888
12	{ Geiss.....	Fort Wayne.....	15	.882
	{ Black.....	Quincy.....	27	.882
13	Morton.....	Toledo.....	36	.873
14	Poorman.....	".....	63	.870
15	Roberts.....	Quincy.....	32	.867
16	Krieg.....	Peoria.....	40	.853
17	Caruthers.....	Grand Rapids.....	29	.851
18	Sullivan.....	".....	17	.851
19	Tilley.....	Toledo.....	77	.847
20	Brown.....	Fort Wayne.....	23	.839
21	Forest.....	".....	59	.833
22	Householder.....	Saginaw.....	48	.830
23	West.....	".....	36	.817
24	McGunnigle.....	".....	77	.814
25	Sullivan.....	Quincy.....	67	.813
26	McQuaid.....	Bay City.....	25	.811
27	Jones.....	Springfield.....	70	.800
28	Featherstone.....	Quincy.....	22	.798
29	Lavin.....	Bay City.....	76	.796
30	Horan.....	Peoria.....	17	.791
31	Hillary.....	Fort Wayne.....	22	.785
32	Nichols.....	Saginaw.....	31	.779
33	Schwartz.....	Peoria.....	45	.763
34	Reeder.....	Springfield.....	16	.758
35	Birch.....	Peoria.....	25	.755
36	Stapleton.....	Springfield.....	28	.735
37	Fries.....	Bay City.....	22	.733
38	Gorman.....	Quincy.....	29	.724
39	Doran.....	".....	35	.710
40	Clarkson.....	Saginaw.....	30	.705
41	Sweeney.....	Peoria.....	16	.648
42	Fusselbach.....	".....	16	.638

GAMES WON AND LOST.

CLUBS.	Won.	Lost.	Runs.	Runs by Opponents.
Toledo.....	56	28	615	429
Saginaw.....	54	30	575	451
Peoria.....	49	35	555	457
Grand Rapids.....	48	36	608	522
Springfield.....	37	47	463	553
Bay City.....	35	49	437	502
Fort Wayne.....	34	50	452	593
Quincy.....	23	61	461	653
Total.....	336	336	4166	4166

CLUB BATTING RECORD.

CLUB FIELDING RECORD.

Rank.	CLUBS.	Percentage of B.-H. to A. B.	Rank.	CLUBS.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Toledo.....	.276	1	Bay City.....	.910
2	Grand Rapids.....	.254	2	Toledo.....	.899
3	Peoria.....	.250	3	Springfield.....	.891
4	Fort Wayne.....	.245	4	Peoria.....	.884
5	Saginaw.....	.244	5	Saginaw.....	.881
6	Bay City.....	.242	5	Fort Wayne.....	.881
7	Springfield.....	.240	6	Grand Rapids.....	.877
8	Quincy.....	.227	7	Quincy.....	.840

NORTH-WESTERN LEAGUE PLAYERS UNDER ENGAGEMENT
FOR 1884

As Furnished by the Secretary of the North-Western League.

FORT WAYNE

McDonough, Jno.	Brown, Joe.	Harmon, Jas. M.
Merrill, Ed.	McKercher, Dan'l	Tindill, Rob't.
Weister, Geo.	Davidson, Ed.	Horner, W. F.
Warner, Ed. H.	Wood, Wm. A.	Holland, D.
Kelly, J. T.	Walmsley, J. R.	Fisher, H. C.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Miner, A. M.	McCormick, H.	Nichols, Fred. C.
O'Neil, Ed. J.	Reed, Wm. A.	Casey, O. R.
Brady, J. E.	Humphries, J. H.	Fisher, Geo. C.
Murray, Chas. A.	Donnell, Jas. J.	Caruthers, Rob't
Hawes, Wm. H.	Smith, Jno. P.	

MILWAUKEE.

Hogan, Edward	Morrissey, Thos.	Dealey, D. E.
McDermott, M.	McDermott, T.	Burke, Jas.
McGinley, D.	Clayton, Z.	Schinz, R. W.
Delaney, F. F.	Behel, S. A. D.	Griffin, T. W.
Toole, Jas. A.	Loftus, Thos. J.	Sexton, Thos.
Dunn, Steve.	Morris, P.	Purvis, Jas.
Straub, Jos.	Shamberg, O.	Hammelstein, P.

SAGINAW.

West, M. D.	Arundle, John	Mansall, John
Clarkson, John G.	Foster, Thos.	McGunnigle, W. H.
Lavin, John	Murphy, J. H.	Quinn, John
Faatz, J.	Terrian, E.	Smith, Frank
Whitney, A. W.	Hayes, Munzy	

TERRE HAUTE.

Stump, A.	Halbrieter, E.	McQuery, W. F.
Hullman, Tony	Donnley, Jas.	Murphy, H.
Mappes, Geo.	Grether, B. G.	Dorsey, M.
Campbell, J. H.	VanDyke, W. J.	Litz, A.
Donnley, Jas. B.	Buckenberger, A. C.	

QUINCY.

Sullivan, P.	Baldwin, C. B.	Gorman, J. F.
Black, Rob't.	Horan, P. J.	Hughes, John
Issacson, Chas.	Hackett, C. M.	Devine, Jas.
Osterhaut, C. H.		

BAY CITY.

Cudworth, James	Foutz, David	Terbody, J.
Watkins, W. H.	Morrison, Jno.	Goodman, Jacob
Davis, James,	Crotty, Joe.	Reccius, Phil.
Bignall, Geo.	Robinson, Chas. H.	Porter, Henry
Strauss, Jos.	Meehan, Jno.	Lawton, H.

GRAND RAPIDS.

Sawyer, Willard N.	Cox, Frank B.	Madden, Frank
Henry, John M.	Goetzean, Chas. H.	Lawrence, St. E.
Houtz, Chas.	Eden, Chas. N.	Stockwell, Len. C.
Gastfield, Ed	Kerins, Thos. W.	VanSickles, Wm.

MUSKEGON.

Walsh, John W.	Rainy, John M.	Jones, D. W.
Wright, W. S.	Glasser, G. O.	Cook, Paul
Nelson, Wm.	Worrell, W. E.	Harter, Geo.
Meyers, A.	Patton, O. J.	Ryan, John A.
Brower, E. P	Murphy, S.	

PEORIA.

Fulmer, Chris.	Rose, R. S.	Powell, A.
Hughes, Wm. W.	Miller, W. J.	McIntyre, F. W.
Sweeney, Wm. J.	Pinkney, Geo. B.	McSorley, John
Burch, E. A.	Richardson, Frank	Reese, John M.
Kent, Ed. C.	Weber, Henry	

STILLWATER.

Horan, John J.	Jones, Frank M.	Chapman, E. B.
Gibbs, E. D.	McKendrick, Jas.	Fowler, John W.
Yernell, H.	Pickett, John T.	Visner, John P.
Irwin, J.	Numan, John	

THE INTER-STATE ASSOCIATION SEASON.

Next in importance to the the three leading professional associations of 1883, comes the Inter-State Association, comprising clubs belonging to the American Alliance, located in the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Seven clubs entered the list for the championship of this association, viz., the Brooklyn, Harrisburg, Active—of Reading, Pa.—Trenton, Quickstep—of Wilmington, Del.—Merritt—of Camden, N. J.—and Anthracite, of Pottsville, Pa. The Brooklyns won the championship of the association through the efficient manner in which their experimental team was handled. The Merritts held a winning lead up to August, but their financial losses obliged them to disband, and their team helped to strengthen the Brooklyn's material. The worst managed team of the association was that of the Harrisburg club,

the action of a minority of their players on the field in the early part of the season being a discredit to the campaign. The Anthracites had to retire in September, so only five of the seven clubs closed the season in the ranks. One championship contest was drawn, neither nine having scored a run, and in twenty games the losers were blanked, while in two of these contests the games were won by a single run. The champion Brooklyn team included Kimber and Terry, pitchers; Corcoran and Farrow, catchers; Householder, Greenwood and Fennelly on the bases; Geer, short-stop; and Smith, Walker and Doyle in the outfield.

A hundred and fifteen players took part in the championship and exhibition contests of the seven clubs in the association, and a large majority of these players were comparatively new to the professional arena. A large proportion, however, will be found in American Association teams in 1884, and some of them in League teams, this fact showing how important it is for the older established associations to encourage new professional organizations of this kind, if only as preparatory schools for young players. In the record of the batting averages, those who reach an average of .300 and over are as follows:

Warner, Merritt.....	.360	Wise, Harrisburg.....	.328
Boyle, Active .....	.356	White, Merritt .....	.318
McLaughlin, Anthracite.....	.355	Greenwood, Merritt.....	.315
Goodman, Trenton.....	.355	Murray, Active.....	.314
Larkins, Active.....	.354	Kienzel, Merritt.....	.312
Fox, Quickstep.....	.353	Carroll, Active.....	.309
Quinton, Trenton .....	.345	Fennelly, Merritt.....	.303
Friel, Active.....	.338	Corcoran, Merritt.....	.300
Harkins, Trenton.....	.337	Morris, Active.....	.300
Bresnahan, Quickstep.....	.336	Milligan, Anthracite.....	.300
Jacoby, Active.....	.328	Total players, 21.	

Those who lead in the fielding averages in the eight positions—leaving out the pitchers—are:

Catchers, Sweeny.....	.937	Short-stops, Fennelly.....	.930
First-baseman, Snyder.....	.967	Left-fielders, Hoover.....	.998
2d-baseman, Greenwood ...	.931	Center-fielders, Doyle.....	.928
3d-baseman, Warner....	.899	Right-fielders, Morris.....	.923

The pitching record was too inaccurate to be worthy of publication. The rule governing the delivery of the ball to the bat was so openly violated that over-hand throwing became a regular rule of most of the pitchers. It was the pitching of Schaffert in the Harrisburg club, which led to the introduction of the rule in the American Association code giving the batsman a base every time he was struck by the ball from a swift delivery by the pitcher.

The record of the Brooklyn club—the champions of the Inter-State Association for 1883—showed that between April 27 and Oct. 5 they played in one hundred and seven regular

club games and in two picked-nine contests. In the 107 club games they won 66 and lost 40, one game being drawn.

In their 76 games with Inter-State club teams they won 46 and lost 30, the record being as follows:

	<i>Quick- step.</i>	<i>Anthra- cite.</i>	<i>Tren- ton.</i>	<i>Harris- burg.</i>	<i>Act ive.</i>	<i>Mer- ritt.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Victories...11	11	9	9	5	1	46	
Defeats.... 4	5	4	6	7	4	30	
Totals....15	16	13	15	12	5	76	

They played 10 games with American clubs, defeating the Athletic, Allegheny—twice—and Eclipse clubs, and losing to the Cincinnati and Columbus clubs twice each, and to the Metropolitan and St. Louis clubs once each. They only played two games with League teams, and both of these they lost to New York. The record is as follows:

	<i>Amer'n.</i>	<i>League.</i>	<i>College.</i>	<i>Amat'r.</i>	<i>Prof'l.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Victories.....	4	0	7	3	6	20
Defeats.....	6	2	0	0	2	10
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Totals,.....	10	2	7	3	8	30

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

The first meeting of the Western League of Base Ball players, assembled at the Tremont House, Quincy, Ill., November 15, 1883. After a spirited debate, it was resolved to organize and take in cities as far north as Dubuque, and south to Sedalia, Mo. Dubuque, Clinton, Ottumwa, Keokuk, Io., Rock Island, Peoria, Springfield and Quincy, Ill., Kansas City, Sedalia, St. Joseph, Chillicothe, Mo., and Atchison, Kan., were represented by delegates or letter. John E. Fleming, Rock Island, was elected Pres., J. T. Johnson, Chillicothe, Mo., Vice Pres., Chas. Overrocker, Quincy, Sec'y. The adoption of a Constitution was referred to a committee to report at January meeting. At the meeting held at Rock Island, Jan., 24th, 1884, the following cities were elected to membership: Rock Island, Kansas City, Omaha, Quincy, Chillicothe, St. Joseph, Keokuk, Springfield and Atchison. The name adopted was the Western League of Ball Players, and the North Western Constitution was adopted. The annual dues were placed at \$40.00; the visiting club to receive 40 per cent. of the gate receipts, or a guarantee of \$60.00. Spalding's Official League Ball was adopted as the official ball of the League. Playing rules were laid over to schedule meeting, in March. The President appointed McKelvey, Overrocker and Crawford, as committee on schedule. On holidays, gate receipts are to be equally divided. The President was instructed to make application to the National Arbitration Committee for membership.

The meeting adjourned to meet in St. Joseph, Mo., March 27, 1884.

THE IRON AND OIL ASSOCIATION.

The Iron and Oil Association of Base Ball Clubs was organized at a convention held in the St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburgh, on December 6, 1883. A preliminary meeting had been held at Youngstown, Ohio, three weeks previously. The Association was first named the Ohio Valley Base Ball Association, but in consequence of the liability to confusion to the already organized Ohio League, and because the name was considered inadequate to the circuit included, it was afterward reconsidered and the present name adopted. The clubs admitted were from Oil City, Pa., Franklin, Pa., East Liberty (Pittsburgh) Pa., New Brighton, Pa., New Castle, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio. The following officers were elected:

President—Horace G. Miller, New Castle.

Vice President—W. M. Deems, Pittsburgh.

Secretary—T. W. Johnston, Jr., Youngstown.

Treasurer—S. B. Post, M. D., New Brighton.

Admission to the National agreement was secured, and the American Association playing rules were adopted. Spalding's League Ball was adopted as the official ball for 1884. The season will open on May 1st, and conclude about October 1st. The players signed before the opening of the season, are as follows:

OIL CITY.—N. L. Baker, Philadelphia, A. L. Wolstenholm, Philadelphia; Charles Rimer, Philadelphia; J. B. Crohen, Findlay, O.; W. J. Burke, Rochester, N. Y.; Elmer E. Cleveland, Pittsburgh; J. B. Munross, Oil City; J. B. Berry, Oil City; Al. Mays, Oil City; Butler Case, Oil City; George W. Darr, secretary.

EAST LIBERTY.—Patrick Grady, Lowell, Mass.; James A. Thynne, Lowell, Mass.; R. F. Ross, Allegheny, Pa.; H. E. Livinspire, Pittsburgh; W. J. Fry, Pittsburgh; J. H. Denny, Pittsburgh; F. K. Tomer, Pittsburgh; W. A. Kelley, Pittsburgh; W. E. Blair, Pittsburgh; C. B. White, Wakeman, O.; J. A. Martin, Pittsburgh; John Grundtisch, Secretary.

NEW BRIGHTON.—S. Toole, Pittsburgh; P. Douthett, Allegheny City; H. Weir, Allegheny City; S. Romigh, Rochester, Pa.; H. Denhart, Beaver Falls, Pa.; J. Darragh, East Liverpool, O.; H. Snyder, Washington, D. C.; J. Toy, New Brighton; John P. Edgar, secretary.

YOUNGSTOWN.—Edward E. Cohan, Hartford, Conn.; M. J. O'Neill, Hartford; M. J. Quinn, Pittsburgh; Ed. McKean, Grafton, O.; Ed. Cartwright, Youngstown; Fred Miller, Pittsburgh; J. R. McAleer, Youngstown; Harry S. Hodge, Johnstown, Pa.; Arthur J. Thomas, Youngstown; Tom Cornell, Shreve, O.; George Harris, secretary.

WESTERN COLLEGE CLUBS.

The interest in base-ball among the colleges of the Northwest did not wane during the season of 1883. At the meeting of the Western College Base-Ball Association held in March at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, officers were elected as follows: D. F. Simpson, Univ. of Wis., Pres.; J. C. Bannister, Northwestern Univ., Cor. Sec. The action of the University of Michigan representatives in opposing the restrictions of the League in regard to professional players was so strongly condemned by the delegates of the other colleges, together with the avowed position of base-ball interests in the Michigan College, that Michigan University was allowed to withdraw from the League without a dissentient voice. This action had two or three good results especially. It made room for the admission of Beloit College into the Association, narrowed the circuit of games, and took away from any one college the prescriptive claim upon the championship based upon the fact that it had twelve hundred or more students in attendance from whom to choose a nine, as well as upon its perfect willingness and ability to hire such desirable men as were not regular members of the school.

The season opened at Evanston and Madison May 7, Northwestern University defeating Racine College 17 to 5, and University of Wisconsin defeating Beloit College 10 to 2. Then N. W. U. scored 13 to R. C.'s 9, and U. of W. 10 to B. C.'s 3. N. W. U. went on its northern trip, and took in the Beloit by a score of 11 to 7, and Madison by 13 to 6. Racine went in the same direction, but was beaten at Beloit by 8 to 3, and at Madison sustained the crushing defeat, 29 to 0. Madison came south with flying colors, but left Evanston worsted, 10 to 4, though they succeeded next day in beating Racine 12 to 7. Beloit fared even worse away from home, being defeated by Racine 13 to 4, and by N. W. U. 14 to 10.

Thus it appears that the N. W. University played six games, and lost none; University of Wisconsin played six games and lost two; Racine College, played six games and lost five; Beloit College played six games and lost five. In point of number of runs made the clubs stood as follows: N. W. U. 78 to their opponents' 49; U. of W. made 71 to their opponents' 35; R. C. made 37 to their opponents' 83; B. C. made 34 to their opponents' 61.

The record made by each team was creditable, though that of N. W. U. in not losing a game during the season is of course pre-eminently the best. Madison proved too strong for the other two Badger nines, but bowed before the Illinois boys, while Racine and Beloit, the former especially, made plucky struggles not to come in at the tail end of the race.

Mr. J. C. Bannister, Secretary of the Association, furnishes us the following tables, showing the individual records of all the players of the League. It will be seen that the strength of the winning nine lay in the stick. The "Spalding League Ball" was used in all Championship games.

PLAYERS.	CLUB.	Position.	Rank in batting.	Games played.	Base-hits.	Batting average.	Runs.	Average number runs per game.	Fielding average.	Rank in fielding.
Chandler.....	U. of W.	l. f.	1	6	15	.500	9	1.50	.857	9
Rollins.....	N. W. U.	3 b., c. f..	2	5	13	.500	9	1.50	.473	35
Polley.....	N. W. U.	c. f., 3 b..	3	4	9	.500	5	1.25	.750	17
Crooks.....	R. C.	c., p.	4	6	11	.423	11	1.83	.700	23
Stewart.....	N. W. U.	2 b.	5	4	9	.409	6	1.50	.884	5
Huxford.....	N. W. U.	r. f.	6	6	12	.363	10	1.66	.500	33
Russell.....	B. C.	r. f., 1 b..	7	6	7	.304	3	0.50	.761	14
Tillinghast.....	N. W. U.	p.	8	6	8	.296	9	1.50	.760	15
Smith.....	B. C.	c.	9	6	8	.296	7	1.16	.711	22
Tomlinson.....	N. W. U.	1 b.	10	6	8	.285	7	1.16	.872	7
Brandenberg.....	U. of W.	2 b.	11	4	6	.272	7	1.75	.774	13
Whitehead.....	B. C.	c. f., c.	12	5	6	.272	3	0.60	.368	37
Steel.....	R. C.	p. 2 b.	13	6	7	.269	8	1.33	.795	12
Farr.....	B. C.	2 b., p.	14	6	6	.260	3	0.50	.540	31
Sibley.....	R. C.	s. s.	15	6	6	.260	4	0.66	.575	27
Bannister.....	N. W. U.	c.	15	6	7	.250	8	1.33	.731	21
Kershaw.....	R. C.	3 b.	17	5	5	.250	3	0.60	.700	24
Dillman.....	N. W. U.	s. s.	18	6	6	.230	6	1.00	.751	16
Plummer.....	N. W. U.	l. f.	19	6	7	.225	12	2.00	.909	3
Waldo.....	U. of W.	c.	20	6	7	.225	7	1.16	.843	10
Parkinson.....	U. of W.	s. s.	21	6	6	.222	12	2.00	.652	26
Canner.....	U. of W.	c. f., 2 b..	22	6	5	.208	7	1.16	.750	18
Pellet.....	B. C.	l. f.	23	6	4	.200	4	0.66	1.000	1
Fratt.....	U. of W.	1 b.	24	6	5	.200	6	1.00	.901	4
Van Tassel.....	B. C.	s. s.	25	6	5	.192	4	0.66	.655	25
Moe.....	U. of W.	r. f.	26	5	4	.166	10	2.00	.750	19
Welch.....	B. C.	3 b.	27	6	4	.160	3	0.50	.560	29
Wright.....	R. C.	r. f.	28	3	2	.153	3	1.00	.333	38
Bright.....	R. C.	l. f.	29	6	3	.136	2	0.33	.500	34
Traverse.....	U. of W.	s. s., 3 b..	30	6	3	.125	5	0.83	.820	8
Reed.....	R. C.	c., s. s.	31	4	2	.125	2	0.50	.522	32
Spiller.....	B. C.	1 b.	32	4	2	.111	2	0.50	.972	2
Connolly.....	U. of W.	p.	33	6	3	.111	5	0.83	.816	11
Johnson.....	R. C.	l. f., c.	34	5	2	.100	2	0.40	.541	30
Cook.....	N. W. U.	3 b.	35	3	1	.083	2	0.66	.400	36
Lansing.....	B. C.	p., 2 b.	36	6	2	.076	1	0.16	.742	20
Lunt.....	R. C.	1 b.	37	6	2	.075	1	0.16	.876	6
Harvey.....	R. C.	c. f.	38	6	1	.047	1	0.16	.571	28

The following played less than three games:

White.....	B. C.	c. f.	1	2	2	.222	1	0.50	1.000	1
Adams.....	N. W. U.	c. f.	2	2	2	.222	4	2.00	.600	2
Crow.....	B. C.	2 b.	3	1	0	.000	0	0.00	.500	3
Dockery.....	U. of W.	c. f.	4	2	0	.000	1	0.50	.000	4
Marsh.....	R. C.	r. f.	5	1	0	.000	0	0.00	.000	5

Though there is much to wish for base ball in the Western colleges in the way of precision and cleanness of play, there is no doubt that the work of last season was better than that seen during any previous season; and the Wisconsin colleges are not going to allow the Evanston boys to hold the trophy during the present year without a nervy contest.

AMERICAN COLLEGE ASSOCIATION SEASON OF 1883.

The series of contests for the championship of the Inter-collegiate Association for 1883 resulted in the success of the Yale team, after a not very interesting season, lasting from May until the last week of June, the record of the championship games of the regular schedule being as follows:

May	5.	Yale vs. Amherst, at New Haven.....	3-1
"	11.	Amherst vs. Brown, at Amherst.....	9-6
"	12.	Yale vs. Harvard, at New Haven.....	3-0
"	14.	Amherst vs. Harvard, at Amherst.....	8-1
"	18.	Princeton vs. Harvard, at Princeton.....	6-5
"	19.	Yale vs. Brown, at Providence.....	6-4
"	23.	Harvard vs. Brown, at Cambridge.....	16-2
"	23.	Princeton vs. Amherst, at New York.....	0-3
"	24.	Amherst vs. Princeton, in New York.....	4-3
"	26.	Yale vs. Harvard, at Cambridge.....	5-1
"	28.	Princeton vs. Brown (10 innings), at Princeton.....	7-6
"	30.	Harvard vs. Amherst, at Cambridge.....	6-4
"	30.	Yale vs. Princeton, at New York.....	5-4
June	2.	Princeton vs. Harvard, at Cambridge.....	5-3
"	2.	Yale vs. Brown, at New Haven.....	8-0
"	4.	Princeton vs. Brown, at Providence.....	12-1
"	8.	Amherst vs. Brown, at Providence.....	9-4
"	13.	Yale vs. Amherst, at Amherst.....	4-2
"	20.	Brown vs. Harvard, at Providence.....	10-5
"	23.	Princeton vs. Yale, at New York.....	3-2

The full record of the pennant race is as follows:

	Yale.	Princeton.	Amherst.	Harvard.	Brown.	Won.	Played.
Yale.....	..	1	2	2	2	7	8
Princeton.....	1	..	1	2	2	6	8
Amherst.....	0	1	..	1	2	4	8
Harvard.....	0	0	1	..	1	2	8
Brown.....	0	0	0	1	..	1	8
Games lost.....	1	2	4	6	7	20	..

The batting and fielding averages of the Intercollegiate Association's season of 1883 are appended. The first are the averages of each club, given in the order of their championship record. The second is the fielding averages in the order of positions:

YALE.

	At bat.	Runs.	Average base-hits.	Fielding average.
Hubbard, c., 8.....	35	9	.314	.952
Hopkins, 3d b., 8.....	34	4	.294	.893
Childs, 1st b., 8.....	32	4	.281	.999
Terry, 2d b., 8.....	32	5	.218	.857
Carpenter, l. f., 7.....	25	4	.200	.800
McKee, r. f., 8.....	32	1	.187	.714
Souther, c. f., 7....	31	3	.161	.999
Jones, p., 7.....	26	2	.153	.923
Griggs, s. s., 8.....	36	1	.111	.742
Booth, l. f., 1; p., 1.....	7	3	....	....
	290	36	.217	.901

PRINCETON.

Harlan, J. S., 3d b., 8.....	36	4	.333	.766
Wilson, s. s., 8.....	38	11	.315	.777
Moffat, p., 8.....	34	3	.244	.877
Harlan, J. M., c., 8	31	3	.258	.881
Clark, l. f., 6; c. f., 1 ..	31	8	.193	.909
Shaw, r. f., 8.....	32	5	.187	.857
Edwards, 1st b., 8.....	32		.156	.886
Antrim, 2d b., 8.....	29	3	.137	.817
Wadleigh, c. f., 7; l. f., 1.....	31	4	.129	.998
Potter, l. f., 1.....	4	0	....	....
	298		.231	.861

AMHERST.

Taylor, s. s., 8.....	37	11	.324	.732
Kimball, c. f., 8.....	34	2	.323	.857
Hunt, c., 8.....	37	6	.243	.830
Gardner, 1st b., 8.....	32	6	.218	.948
Stuart, l. f., 8.....	30	2	.200	.857
Hamlin, 3d b., 8.....	32	6	.187	.800
Warren, r. f., 7.....	28	1	.171	.875
Buffum, r. f., 1; 2d b., 7.....	30	5	.166	.838
Harris, p., 8	28	1	.071	.919
Williams, 2d b., 1.....	4	0	....	....
	292	40	.212	.872

HARVARD.

Baker, s. s.....	33	3	.333	.828
Cooledge, 2d b., 6.....	29	7	.310	.925
Lovering, 2d b., 2; l. f., 1; r. f., 5	31	6	.258	.960
Le Moyne, l. f., 5.....	25	7	.290	.857
E. H. Nichols, c., 5; p., 2.....	27	2	.185	.791
Allen, c., 1; p., 7.....	31	0	.161	.868
Smith, 1st b., 8.....	28	2	.071	.917
Crocker, r. f., 3; c. f., 4; c., 1.....	29	2	.068	.678
Beaman, 3d b., 8.....	30	4	.066	.916
E. P. Nichols, c. f., 2.....	8	0	.....	.....
Keep, c. f., 1.....	4	0	.....	.....
	275	33	.180	.864

BROWN.

Bassett, c., 4; 3d b., 3.....	29	7	.448	.750
Seagraves, c. f., 7; l. f., 1.....	35	4	.314	.762
Chase, 1st b.....	20	1	.200	.907
Shedd, s. s., 8.....	30	4	.200	.648
Durfee, r. f., 7; l. f., 1.....	36	3	.194	.866
Gunderson, p., 6; l. f., 2.....	31	4	.193	.860
Rhett, l. f., 4; 3d b., 3	27	2	.144	.692
Wadsworth, 2d b., 6; 3d b., 2.....	29	1	.103	.805
Doron, 1st b., 3; 2d b., 2.....	19	3	.000	.871
Greene, c., 4.....	19	3	.....	.....
Smith, p., 1; r. f., 2.....	13	1	.....	.....
Shiel, c. f., 1.....	3	0	.....	.....
	291	33	.206	.785

PITCHERS.

Players.	Clubs.	Games	Average.
Jones.....	Yale.....	7	.923
Harris.....	Amherst.....	8	.919
Moffat.....	Princeton.....	8	.877
Allen.....	Harvard	7	.868
Gunderson.....	Brown.....	6	.860

CATCHERS.

Hubbard.....	Yale.....	8	.952
J. M. Harlan.....	Princeton.....	8	.881
Hunt.....	Amherst.....	8	.830
E. H. Nichols.....	Harvard.....	5	.791
Bassett.....	Brown.....	4	.750

FIRST BASEMEN.

Childs.....	Yale.....	8	.999
Gardner.....	Amherst.....	8	.948
Smith.....	Harvard.....	8	.917
Chase.....	Brown.....	7	.907
Edwards.....	Princeton.....	8	.886

SECOND BASEMEN.

Coolidge.....	Harvard.....	6	.925
Terry.....	Yale.....	8	.857
Buffum.....	Amherst.....	7	.838
Antrim.....	Princeton.....	8	.817
Wadsworth.....	Brown.....	6	.805

THIRD BASEMEN.

Beaman.....	Harvard.....	8	.910
Hopkins.....	Yale.....	8	.893
Hamlin.....	Amherst.....	8	.860
J. S. Harlan.....	Princeton.....	8	.766
Bassett.....	Brown.....	3	.750

SHORT-STOPS.

Baker.....	Harvard.....	8	.828
Wilson.....	Princeton.....	8	.777
Griggs.....	Yale.....	8	.742
Taylor.....	Amherst.....	8	.732
Shedd.....	Brown.....	8	.648

LEFT-FIELDERS.

Clark.....	Princeton.....	6	.909
Stuart.....	Amherst.....	8	.857
Le Moyne.....	Harvard.....	5	.857
Carpenter.....	Yale.....	7	.800
Rhett.....	Brown.....	4	.692

CENTER-FIELDERS.

Souther.....	Yale.....	7	.999
Wadleigh.....	Princeton.....	7	.998
Kimball.....	Amherst.....	8	.857
Seagraves.....	Brown.....	7	.762
Crocker.....	Harvard.....	4	.678

RIGHT-FIELDERS.

Lovering.....	Harvard.....	5	.960
Warren.....	Amherst.....	7	.875
Durfee.....	Brown.....	7	.866
Shaw.....	Princeton.....	8	.857
McKee.....	Yale.....	8	.714

We give below a full and complete table of the college championship matches, giving the date and total score of each game played:

CLUBS.	Yale.	Princeton.	Amherst.	Harvard.	Brown.	Games Won.	Games Played.
Yale.....		May 30, 5-4.	May 5, 3-1. June 13, 4-2. May 23, 6-3.	May 12, 3-0. May 26, 5-1. May 18, 6-5. June 2, 5-3.	May 19, 6-4. June 2, 8-0. May 26, 7-6. June 4, 2-1.	7	8
Princeton....	June 23, 3-2.					6	8
Amherst.....		May 24, 4-3.		May 14, 8-1.	May 11, 9-6. June 8, 9-4. May 23, 14-2.	4	8
Harvard....			May 30, 6-4.			2	8
Brown				June 20, 10-5.		1	8
Games Lost	1	2	4	6	7	20	..

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PLAYING RULES

—OF THE—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

—OF—

Professional Base Ball Clubs;

1884.

ADOPTED IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 51 OF
THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

CLASS I.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

RULE 1. *The Ground* must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. *The Infield* must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

RULE 3. *The Bases* must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of white marble or white stone, twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in the corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of each shall be upon a separate corner of the infield, the First Base at the right, the Second Base opposite, and the Third Base at the left of the Home Base.

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

RULE 4. *The Foul Lines* must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, through the center of the positions of First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

RULE 5. *The Pitcher's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, six feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the six feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground, even with the surface.

RULE 6. *The Catcher's Lines* must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the Ground back of the Home Base.

RULE 7. *The Captain's Lines* must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the Limits of the Ground, fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul lines.

RULE 8. *The Players' Lines* must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

RULE 9. *The Player's Bench* must be furnished by the Home Club, and placed upon a portion of the Ground outside the Players' Lines. It must be twelve feet in length and immovably fastened to the ground. At each end of such bench must be immovably fixed a bat-rack, with fixtures for holding twenty bats; one such rack must be designated for the exclusive use of the Visiting Club, and the other for the exclusive use of the Home Club.

RULE 10. *The Batsman's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the Home Base.

RULE 11. *The Three Feet Lines* must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line

on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the center of the First Base; thence in a straight line to the center of the First Base, and thence upon the Foul Line to the point of beginning.

RULE 12. *The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Players' Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines, or to the limits of the grounds.*

RULE 13. *The Ball.*

(1) Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and contain not more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form, and be covered with leather. It must be furnished by the Secretary of the League, whose seal shall be final evidence of the legality of the ball.*

(2) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and become the property of the winning club.

(3) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be unfit for fair use in the opinion of the Umpire, on being appealed to by either Captain, a new ball shall at once be called for by the Umpire.

(4) Should the ball be lost during the game, the Umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

RULE 14. *The Bat.*

(1) Must be made wholly of wood.

(2) It must be round, must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

CLASS II.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 15. *No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it*

*NOTE.—The "Spalding League Ball" has been used in every championship game played by League Clubs during the past five years, and has again been adopted as the official ball for 1884.

RULE 16. *No Club* shall sell or allow to be sold upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.

RULE 17. *No person* shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to *the nine players on each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform to preserve the peace.*

RULE 18. *Players in uniform* shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

RULE 19. *The umpire* is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

RULE 20. *Every Club* shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

RULE 21. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

CLASS III.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 22. *The Players* of each club, in a match game, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall be the Captain

RULE 23. *The Players' Positions* shall be

(1) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these Rules) such as may be assigned them by their Captain, *except* that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(2) When their side goes to the bat they must immediately seat themselves upon the Players' Bench, and remain there until the side is put out, *except* when batsman or base-runner. All bats not in use must be kept in the bat racks, and the two players next succeeding the Batsman, in the order in which they are named on the Score, must be ready with bat in hand to promptly take position as batsman: *Provided*, That the Captain, and one assistant only, may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, to coach Base-Runners.

(3) The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsman's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named on the Score, which must contain the batting order of both nines and must be followed, except in case of disability of a player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the disabled player in the batting order.

(4) No player of the side at bat, *except* when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines defined in Rule 6.

CLASS IV.

DEFINITIONS.

RULE 24. *A High Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, higher than the belt of the Batsman, but not higher than his shoulder.

RULE 25. *A Low Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's belt, nor lower than his knee.

RULE 26. *A High or Low Ball* is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's shoulder, nor lower than his knee.

RULE 27. *A Fair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher while wholly within the lines of his position and facing the Batsman, and the ball passing over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

RULE 28. *An Unfair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 27, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does not pass over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

RULE 29. *A Balk* is

(1) A motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, *except* the ball be accidentally dropped; or,

(2) The ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily; or,

(3) Delivered to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of his position.

RULE 30. *A Dead Ball* is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher, that touches the Batsman's bat, without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person while standing in his position, without being struck at, or any part of the Umpire's person, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 31. *A Block* is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

RULE 32. *A Fair Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is in front of or on either of the Foul Lines, or (*exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 33. *A Foul Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or (*exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 34. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it fair should it disappear within, or foul should it disappear outside of the range of the foul lines, and Rules 32 and 33 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 35. *A Strike* is

(1) A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or,

(2) A ball legally delivered by the Pitcher at the height called for by the Batsman, and over the Home Base, but not struck at by the Batsman.

RULE 36. *A Foul Strike* is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

RULE 37. *Play* is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 38. *Time* is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 39. *Game* is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 40. *An Inning* is the turn at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

RULE 41. *A time at bat* is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out, or becomes a base runner.

RULE 42. *Legal, or Legally*, signifies as required by these rules.

CLASS V.

THE GAME.

RULE 43. *A Game* shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that:

(1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(2) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings; or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4) If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, *unless* the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 44. *A Drawn Game* shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game, on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 45. *A Forfeited Game* shall be declared by the Umpire, in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1) If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or, being upon the Field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game.

(2) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, *unless* such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

(3) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

RULE 46. "*No Game*" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play, on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

RULE 47. *A Substitute* shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, *unless* such player be disabled in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury.

RULE 48. *The Choice of First Innings* shall be determined by the two Captains.

RULE 49. *The Umpire* must call "Play" at the hour appointed for beginning a game. The game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself, or a player; (but in case of accident to a Fielder, Time shall not be called until the ball be returned to, and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position); or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and, should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game. The Umpire shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

RULE 50. *The Batsman, on taking his position*, must call for a "High Ball," a "Low Ball," or a "High or Low Ball," and the Umpire shall notify the Pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered. The Umpire shall count and call every "Unfair Ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "Dead Ball," if also an "Unfair Ball," as a "Ball;" and he shall also count and call every "Strike." Neither a "Ball" nor a "Strike" shall be called or counted until the ball has passed the Home Base.

RULE 51. *The Batsman is out:*

(1) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered, and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made, and in such case the balls and strikes called will be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman.

(2) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3) If he makes a Foul Hit, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the fielder before being caught.

(4) If he makes a Foul Strike.

(5) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

RULE 52. *The Batsman becomes a Base Runner*

(1) Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

(2) Instantly after six Balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3) Instantly after three Strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

RULE 53. *The Base-Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz: First, Second, Third and Home Bases, and when obliged to return, must do so on the run, and must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.*

RULE 54. *The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base, provided he do so on the run, in the following cases:*

(1) If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called seven Balls.

(2) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on six balls, and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

(3) If the Umpire calls a Balk.

(4) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

(5) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

(6) If a Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

RULE 55. *The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out, provided he do so on the run.*

(1) If the Umpire declares a Foul Hit, and the ball be not legally caught by a Fielder.

(2) If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

(3) If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the sixth Unfair Ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54 (2).

RULE 56. *The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him.*

RULE 57. *The Base Runner is out:*

(1) If, after three strikes have been declared against him

while Batsman, and the Catcher fails to catch the third-strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

(2) If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair-hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, It be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.

(3) If, when the Umpire has declared three Strikes on him while Batsman, the third-strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, It be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

(4) If, after three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base Runner touches First Base.

(5) If, after three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base Runner touches First Base.

(6) If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule II, *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(7) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(8) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in (6) and (7) of this Rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball: *Provided*, That if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other Fielder.

(9) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but (exception as to First Base)*, in running to First Base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base. after

first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(10) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. *Provided*, That the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it

(11) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner (*except as provided in Rule 54*), the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

(12) If a Fair Hit ball strike him, he shall be declared out and in such case no base shall be run unless forced, and no run be scored.

(13) If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 53, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base. *Provided*, That he shall not be declared out unless the Captain of the fielding side claim such decision before the ball is delivered to the bat by the Pitcher.

(14) If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.

RULE 58. *The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 57, (10), (13) and (14).*

RULE 59. *In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit not legally caught flying, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position,*

RULE 60. *Whenever a Block occurs*, the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out, until after the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 61. *One Run shall be scored* every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

RULE 62. *If the Pitcher causes the ball to strike the Batsman*, and the Umpire be satisfied that he does it intentionally, he shall fine the Pitcher therefor in a sum not less than Ten Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars. (See League Contract paragraph 11).

RULE 63. *No Player except the Captain or his assistant shall address the Umpire* concerning any point of play, and any violation of this Rule shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars by the Umpire.

CLASS VI.

THE UMPIRE.

RULE 64. A staff of four League umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the 1st day of May.

(1) Applications for such positions will be received by the Secretary until the 1st day of March.

(2) A written contract shall be made with each of the four umpires selected, stipulating for his service from May 1 to Oct. 15, at a salary of one thousand dollars for such period, payable in equal monthly payments, at the expiration of each month of service. He shall also be allowed and paid his actual expenses while absent from his home in the service of the League.

(3) He shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom he will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall see that he is proficient in the discharge of his duties, and that he shall appear in proper dress when acting as umpire.

(4) In the event of the failure of such umpire to umpire a game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and, in such case, there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game as-

signed to him, which, for any reason, he shall have failed to umpire.

(5) It shall be the duty of each League Club to accept as Umpire for any championship game such League Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League Umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the visiting club to designate an Umpire for such game.

(6) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

RULE 65. *The Umpire's Duties*, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

(1) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence directly in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game, or upon the testimony of any bystander.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Umpire to decide whether the grounds are in proper condition, and the weather suitable for play.

RULE 66. *The Umpire shall not be changed* during the progress of a Match Game, except for reason of illness or injury.

RULE 67. *Any League Umpire who shall be convicted* of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted on expelled players by the Constitution of the League. (See also Constitution, Section 42.)

RULE 68. *The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers*, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

(1) The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules,

and enforcing each and every one of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

(2) The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the Pitcher or Catcher, or is passing between them, while standing in their positions.

(3) Section 9 of the League Constitution makes the League Umpire a member of the League. During the progress of a game he is the sole representative of the League, to see that the game is played and determined solely on its merits, and these Rules invest him with ample powers to accomplish this purpose. In the performance of his duties he must remember that his sole allegiance is due to the League.

(4) The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any Player to do or omit to do any act, as he may deem it necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire, audience, or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted. (See League Contract, paragraph 11).

(5) The Umpire shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of

the League, within ten days transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

(6) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter; and if he shall fail to do so, he shall forfeit his position as League Umpire, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to umpire any League game.

RULE 69. For the special benefit of the patrons of the game, and because the offenses specified are under his immediate jurisdiction, and not subject to appeal by players, the attention of the Umpire is particularly directed to possible violations of the purpose and spirit of the Rules, of the following character:

1. Laziness or loafing of players in taking their places in the field, or those allotted them by the Rules when their side is at the bat, and especially any failure to keep the bats in the racks provided for them; to be ready (two men) to take position as Batsmen, and to remain upon the Players' Bench, except when otherwise required by the Rules.

2. Any attempt by players of the side at bat, by calling to a fielder, other than the one designated by his Captain, to field a ball, or by any other equally disreputable means seeking to disconcert a fielder.

3. Indecent or improper language addressed by a player to the audience, the Umpire, or any player.

In any of these cases the Umpire should promptly fine the offending player.

4. The Rules make a marked distinction between hindrance of an adversary in fielding a batted or a thrown ball. This has been done to rid the game of the childish excuses and claims formerly made by a Fielder failing to hold a ball to put out a Base Runner, but there may be cases of a Base Runner so flagrantly violating the spirit of the Rules and of the Game in obstructing a Fielder from fielding a thrown ball, that it would become the duty of the Umpire, not only to declare the Base Runner "out" (and to compel any succeeding Base Runners to hold their bases), but also to impose a heavy fine upon him. For example: If the Base Runner plainly strike the ball while passing him, to prevent its being caught by a Fielder: if he hold a Fielder's arms so as to disable him from catching the ball, or if he knock the Fielder down with his fist for the same purpose.

5. In the case of a "Block," if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw, or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders the Umpire should call

"Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by him, until the ball be returned to the Pitcher, standing in his position.

6. The Umpire must call "Play" at the exact time advertised for beginning a game, and any player not then ready to take the position allotted him, must be promptly fined by the Umpire.

7. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rules. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with the Umpire, is a gross violation of the Rules, and the Umpire should promptly fine any player who interrupts the game in this manner.

CLASS VII.

SCORING.

RULE 70. *In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring* Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers of League clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Section 67 of the League Constitution in accordance therewith

Batting.

(1) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

(2) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases.

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines, and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

(4) In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total bases made by him off his hits.

Fielding.

(5) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

In the summary of the game should be credited to the pitcher the number of times a batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

(7) An error should be given for each misplay which allows the striker or base-runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out.

An error should be given to the pitcher when the batsman is given first base on "called balls."

In scoring errors off batted balls, see (3) of this rule.

CLASS VIII.

CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS.

RULE 71. No section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the Constitution of the League.

RULE 72. *No Amendment* or change of any of these Rules shall be made, except in the manner provided in the Constitution of the League.

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Record of Championship Games Played during the Season of 1883.

DATE, 1883.		NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
May	1	Cleveland vs. Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	4
"	1	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Detroit	7	4
"	1	Philadelphia vs. Providence ..	Philad'phia	Providence	4	3
"	1	New York vs. Boston	New York.	New York.	7	5
"	2	" "	"	"	3	2
"	2	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Chicago ...	5	3
"	2	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland..	Buffalo	3	0
"	2	Philadelphia vs. Providence..	Philad'phia	Providence	4	1
"	3	" "	"	"	24	6
"	3	Cleveland vs. Buffalo	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	3	1
"	3	Detroit vs. Chicago	Detroit	Chicago ...	10	1
"	3	New York vs. Boston	New York.	New York.	10	9
"	4	" vs. Providence	"	Providence	11	3
"	4	Philadelphia vs. Boston	Philad'phia	Boston	11	10
"	5	" "	"	"	5	3
"	5	New York vs. Providence	New York.	Providence	3	1
"	5	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago ...	Detroit	13	2
"	5	Buffalo vs. Cleveland	Buffalo	Buffalo	8	4
"	7	" "	"	Cleveland..	5	4
"	7	Chicago vs. Detroit	Chicago ...	Detroit	7	0
"	7	New York vs. Providence.....	New York.	Providence	14	2
"	7	Philadelphia vs. Boston.....	Philad'phia	Boston	20	8
"	8	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	6	2
"	9	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago ...	Detroit	17	7
"	10	Cleveland vs. Providence.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	2
"	11	" "	"	Providence	2	1
"	11	Chicago vs. Philadelphia.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	11	9
"	11	Buffalo vs. Boston	Buffalo	Buffalo	12	4
"	11	Detroit vs. New York	Detroit	Detroit	12	1
"	12	Chicago vs. Philadelphia.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	6	1
"	12	Detroit vs. New York.....	Detroit	Detroit	9	5
"	12	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	2
"	12	Buffalo vs. Boston	Buffalo	Boston	16	5
"	14	Chicago vs. Philadelphia.....	Chicago ...	Philad'phia	12	1
"	15	" New York	"	Chicago ...	8	7
"	15	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	1
"	15	Buffalo vs. Providence	Buffalo	Buffalo	5	4
"	15	Detroit vs. Philadelphia	Detroit	Philad'phia	4	3
"	16	" "	"	Detroit	11	10
"	16	Buffalo vs. Providence	Buffalo	Providence	9	4
"	16	Chicago vs. New York	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	6	2
"	16	Cleveland vs. Boston	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	2
"	17	" "	"	"	11	1
"	17	Chicago vs. New York	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	15	2
"	17	Buffalo vs. Providence	Buffalo	Providence	13	9
"	17	Detroit vs. Philadelphia.....	Detroit	Detroit	12	6
"	18	" New York.....	"	New York.	11	6
"	19	" Providence.....	"	Detroit	7	5

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. — *Continued.*

DATE, 1883.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				Winning Club.	Losing Club.
May 19	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	4	1
" 19	Cleveland vs. Philadelphia....	Cleveland..	Philad'phia	10	8
" 19	Buffalo vs. New York	Buffalo	Buffalo	7	4
" 22	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	4	3
" 23	" "	"	"	19	9
" 23	Detroit vs. Providence	Detroit	Detroit	6	4
" 23	Cleveland vs. Philadelphia....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	6
" 24	" " New York.....	"	"	1	0
" 24	Chicago vs. Providence	Chicago ...	Providence	9	5
" 24	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit	Detroit ...	5	1
" 24	Buffalo vs. Philadelphia	Buffalo	Buffalo	8	4
" 25	" "	"	"	4	0
" 25	Cleveland vs. New York	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	3
" 25	Chicago vs. Providence.....	Chicago ...	Providence	9	6
" 25	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit	Detroit ...	8	3
" 26	Chicago vs. Providence	Chicago ...	Chicago .	8	7
" 28	Detroit vs. Boston.....	Detroit	Boston	10	4
" 28	Buffalo vs. Philadelphia	Buffalo	Philad'phia	3	2
" 30	Philadelphia vs. Chicago.....	Philad'phia	Chicago...	15	8
" 30	" "	"	"	22	4
" 30	Boston vs. Cleveland	Boston	Boston	3	1
" 30	" " Buffalo.....	"	"	2	1
" 30	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	4	2
" 30	Providence vs. Cleveland	"	Cleveland..	5	2
" 30	New York vs. Detroit	New York..	Detroit ...	5	2
" 30	" "	"	New York..	8	4
" 31	Philadelphia vs. Chicago.....	Philad'phia	Chicago...	4	3
" 31	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence	Cleveland..	5	3
" 31	New York vs. Detroit.....	New York..	New York..	4	1
June 1	" "	"	"	13	7
" 1	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston	Buffalo	7	5
" 1	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence	Providence	7	3
" 1	Philadelphia vs. Chicago.....	Philad'phia	Chicago ...	10	1
" 2	" " Detroit.....	"	Detroit	5	2
" 2	Boston vs. Buffalo	Boston	Boston	2	1
" 2	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence	Cleveland..	6	1
" 2	New York vs. Chicago	New York..	New York..	22	7
" 4	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	5	1
" 4	Providence vs. Detroit	"	Detroit ...	10	3
" 4	New York vs. Chicago.....	New York..	Chicago ...	5	2
" 4	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston	Boston	2	0
" 5	" "	"	Cleveland..	14	1
" 5	New York vs. Chicago	New York..	New York..	10	3
" 5	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	10	6
" 5	Philadelphia vs. Detroit.....	Philad'phia	Detroit	6	4
" 6	" "	"	Philad'phia	20	4
" 6	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston	Boston	6	1
" 6	Providence vs. Buffalo	Providence	Providence	12	3
" 7	New York vs. Chicago	New York..	New York..	16	8
" 8	" " Buffalo.....	"	Buffalo	11	4
" 8	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston	Boston	13	2

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1888.		NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
June 8		Philadelphia vs. Cleveland....	Philad'phia	Cleveland..	8	4
" 8		Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Providence	10	2
" 9		Philadelphia vs. Cleveland....	Philad'phia	Cleveland..	15	1
" 9		New York vs. Buffalo.....	New York.	Buffalo ..	8	7
" 9		Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Chicago ..	11	0
" 9		Boston vs Detroit.....	Boston....	Boston....	30	8
" 11		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	7	4
" 11		Philadelphia vs. Cleveland....	Philad'phia	Cleveland..	7	0
" 11		New York vs. Buffalo.....	New York.	New York.	11	7
" 11		Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Providence	6	2
" 12		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	8	1
" 12		Philadelphia vs. Cleveland....	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	4	3
" 12		New York vs. Buffalo.....	New York.	New York.	17	8
" 12		Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston....	Boston....	20	9
" 14		Philadelphia vs. Buffalo.....	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	2	0
" 14		Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	1
" 14		New York vs. Cleveland.....	New York.	New York.	5	0
" 14		Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	9	8
" 15		Philadelphia vs. Buffalo.....	Philad'phia	Buffalo	22	4
" 15		Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Chicago ...	8	3
" 15		Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	5	2
" 15		New York vs. Cleveland.....	New York.	Cleveland..	6	3
" 16		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	New York.	5	2
" 16		Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	12	1
" 16		Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	12	3
" 16		Philadelphia vs. Buffalo.....	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	4	2
" 18		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Buffalo....	11	2
" 18		Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	7	3
" 19		" " " New York.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	6	5
" 19		Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	9	8
" 20		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	29	4
" 20		Providence vs. New York....	Providence	New York.	4	2
" 20		Cleveland vs. Detroit.....	Cleveland..	Detroit....	7	4
" 21		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Cleveland..	5	4
" 21		Boston vs. New York.....	Boston....	New York.	5	4
" 21		Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	12	0
" 21		Providence vs. Philadelphia..	Providence	Providence	13	8
" 22		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	15	9
" 22		Boston vs. New York.....	Boston....	Boston....	10	0
" 22		Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	6	2
" 22		Cleveland vs. Detroit.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	9	8
" 23		" " " Chicago.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	3	0
" 23		Providence vs. New York....	Providence	Providence	12	4
" 23		Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	6	2
" 23		Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	7	2
" 25		" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	2	0
" 25		Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	15	7
" 25		Providence vs. New York....	Providence	Providence	12	3
" 26		Boston " " " " " "	Boston....	Boston....	7	2
" 26		Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo	Detroit ...	8	3
" 26		Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Chicago ...	3	0

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—*Continued.*

DATE, 1883.		NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
Aug.	4	Detroit vs. Philadelphia.....	Detroit....	Philad'phia	6	0
"	4	Buffalo vs. Providence	Buffalo....	Buffalo...	16	11
"	4	Chicago vs. New York.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	5	3
"	4	Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Boston....	7	3
"	7	Philadelphia vs. New York....	Philad'phia	New York..	4	1
"	7	Providence vs. Boston	Providence	Boston....	6	4
"	7	Detroit vs. Chicago.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	6	0
"	7	Cleveland vs. Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	1
"	8	" "	"	Buffalo....	14	11
"	8	Boston vs. Providence	Boston....	Boston....	10	2
"	8	New York vs. Philadelphia....	New York..	New York..	5	4
"	8	Detroit vs. Chicago.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	5	1
"	9	" "	"	Chicago....	6	3
"	9	Boston vs. Providence	Boston....	Boston....	1	0
"	9	Cleveland vs. Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	14	5
"	9	Philad'phia vs. New York....	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	7	3
"	11	New York vs. Philadelphia....	New York..	New York..	5	2
"	11	Boston vs. Providence	Boston....	Providence	6	2
"	11	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Chicago....	4	2
"	11	Cleveland vs. Detroit.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	0
"	13	" "	"	Detroit....	4	2
"	13	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Chicago....	14	8
"	13	New York vs. Philadelphia....	New York..	New York..	8	1
"	14	Providence vs. New York	Providence	"	9	6
"	14	Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	7	0
"	14	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	19	17
"	14	Cleveland vs. Detroit.....	Cleveland..	Detroit....	5	0
"	15	" "	"	"	8	4
"	15	Providence vs. New York....	Providence	Providence	11	5
"	15	Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	9	4
"	15	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	4	3
"	16	" "	"	"	5	2
"	17	Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	"	"	10	9
"	17	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	4
"	17	Providence vs. New York....	Providence	New York..	7	6
"	17	Boston vs. Philadelphia.....	Boston....	Boston....	6	3
"	18	Boston vs. New York.....	"	New York..	4	2
"	18	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	12	2
"	18	Buffalo vs. Detroit.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	2
"	18	Providence vs. Philadelphia...	Providence	Providence	9	4
"	20	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	3
"	20	Buffalo vs. Detroit....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	12	1
"	21	" "	"	"	6	4
"	21	Boston vs. New York.....	Boston....	Boston....	15	8
"	21	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	5
"	21	Providence vs. Philadelphia....	Providence	Providence	28	0
"	22	" "	"	"	8	2
"	22	Detroit vs. Buffalo.....	Detroit....	Detroit....	7	6
"	22	Cleveland vs. Chicago.....	Cleveland..	Chicago....	8	2
"	22	Boston vs. New York.....	Boston....	New York..	18	10
"	23	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	3	1

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1883.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
				Winning Club.	Losing Club.
Aug. 23	Detroit vs. Cleveland.....	Detroit ...	Detroit	6	5
" 24	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	4	1
" 24	New York vs. Philadelphia....	New York..	New York..	9	3
" 24	Providence vs. Boston	Providence	Providence	3	1
" 25	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	18	14
" 25	Boston vs. Providence.	Boston....	Boston....	3	2
" 25	Philadelphia vs. New York... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	New York..	5	2
" 25	Detroit vs. Cleveland.....	Detroit....	Cleveland..	3	1
" 27	" "	"	"	7	4
" 28	Boston vs. Providence.	Boston....	Boston....	14	1
" 28	New York vs. Philadelphia....	New York..	New York..	9	3
" 29	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	7	0
" 29	Detroit vs. Buffalo	Detroit....	Detroit....	8	2
" 30	" "	"	Buffalo	6	4
" 30	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	9	1
" 30	Philadelphia vs. Providence... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Providence	11	5
" 30	New York vs. Boston.....	New York..	Boston....	5	3
" 31	" "	"	"	4	2
" 31	Philadelphia vs. Providence .. Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Providence	6	3
Sept. 1	Philadelphia vs. Boston.....	"	Boston....	7	0
" 1	Chicago vs. Cleveland.....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	21	7
" 1	New York vs. Providence.....	New York..	New York..	6	4
" 3	Philadelphia vs. Providence... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	6	3
" 3	Detroit vs. Buffalo.....	Detroit....	Buffalo	12	4
" 4	New York vs. Boston.....	New York..	Boston....	8	2
" 4	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago ...	Chicago....	13	1
" 4	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo	Buffalo	9	1
" 5	" "	"	Cleveland..	6	1
" 5	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	14	1
" 6	" "	"	"	26	6
" 6	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	7	2
" 6	Providence vs. Boston.....	Providence	Providence	6	1
" 7	" "	"	"	8	1
" 7	Philadelphia vs. New York.... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Philad'phia	11	9
" 8	" "	"	New York..	16	6
" 8	Buffalo vs. Cleveland.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	13	1
" 8	Boston vs. Providence.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	3
" 8	Chicago vs. Detroit.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	12	8
" 10	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	2
" 11	" "	"	"	3	2
" 11	New York vs. Buffalo	New York..	Buffalo	4	1
" 11	Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	7	0
" 12	Boston vs. Chicago	Boston....	Boston....	11	2
" 13	" "	"	"	3	1
" 13	Philadelphia vs. Cleveland. ... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Cleveland..	1	0
" 13	Providence vs. Detroit	Providence	Providence	9	6
" 14	New York vs. Buffalo	New York..	New York..	4	1
" 14	Phila. vs. Cleveland, A. M..... Philad'phia	Philad'phia	Cleveland..	5	3
" 14	" "	"	"	5	1
" 14	Providence vs. Detroit.....	Providence	Providence	2	1
" 15	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston....	Boston....	6	4

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.—*Continued.*

DATE, 1883.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WINNING CLUB.	WHERE PLAYED.	RUNS SCORED.	
				WINNING CLUB.	LOSING CLUB.
Sept. 15	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Chicago....	8	7
" 15	Philadelphia vs. Buffalo.....	Philadel'ia	Buffalo....	6	5
" 17	New York vs. Cleveland....	New York..	New York..	5	0
" 18	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston....	Boston....	11	5
" 18	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Chicago....	5	1
" 18	Philadelphia vs. Buffslo.....	Philadel'ia	Buffalo....	4	0
" 18	New York vs. Cleveland.....	New York..	Cleveland..	9	1
" 19	Boston vs. Detroit.....	Boston....	Boston....	3	2
" 19	Providence vs. Chicago.....	Providence	Providence	7	4
" 19	Philadelphia vs. Buffalo.....	Philadel'ia	Philadel'ia	14	8
" 20	New York vs. Cleveland.....	New York..	New York..	7	5
" 21	Providence " ".....	Providence	Providence	6	3
" 21	New York vs. Chicago.. ..	New York..	New York..	10	1
" 21	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Buffalo....	3	2
" 21	Philadelphia vs. Detroit.....	Philadel'ia	Detroit....	9	3
" 22	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence	Providence	11	1
" 22	New York vs. Chicago.....	New York..	Chicago....	5	3
" 22	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	18	4
" 25	Providence vs. Cleveland.....	Providence	Cleveland..	3	2
" 25	New York vs. Chicago.....	New York..	Chicago....	11	10
" 25	Philadelphia vs. Detroit.....	Philadel'ia	Detroit....	8	5
" 25	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	8	5
" 26	" " ".....	"	"	7	5
" 26	Philadelphia vs. Detroit.....	Philadel'ia	Detroit....	14	3
" 27	" " Chicago.....	"	Chicago....	5	3
" 27	New York vs. Detroit.....	New York..	Detroit....	10	2
" 27	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	1
" 27	Providence vs. Buffalo.....	Providence	Buffalo....	4	2
" 28	" " ".....	"	Providence	5	3
" 28	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston....	Boston....	6	2
" 28	New York vs. Detroit.....	New York..	Detroit....	7	2
" 28	Philadelphia vs. Chicago.....	Philadel'ia	Chicago....	7	1
" 29	" " ".....	"	"	15	3
" 29	New York vs. Detroit.....	New York..	New York..	7	2
" 29	Boston vs. Cleveland.....	Boston....	Boston....	6	4
" 29	Providence vs. Buffalo.....	Providence	Buffalo....	7	4
Total.....				3197	1316

Total Number of Runs Scored, 4,513.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS

Boston.....668	Opponents	457	New York.....527	Opponents	574
Chicago.....680	"	540	Detroit.....498	"	625
Providence.....634	"	433	Philadelphia.....439	"	884
Cleveland.....464	"	431			
Buffalo.....603	"	564	Total.....4513		4513

Average number of runs scored per game by winning clubs.....8.19
Average number of runs scored per game by losing clubs.....3.37

BATTING RECORD

Of Players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games

DURING THE SEASON OF 1883.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First-Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.
1	Brouthers.....	Buffalo	97	420	83	0.85	156	.371	235	2.42
2	Connor	New York	96	401	80	0.83	145	.361	204	2.12
3	Gore	Chicago	91	392	105	1.15	131	.334	179	1.96
4	Burdock	Boston	96	400	80	0.83	132	.330	188	1.95
5	Dunlap	Cleveland	90	383	79	0.87	126	.328	176	1.95
6	O'Rourke.....	Buffalo	93	430	99	1.06	141	.327	188	2.02
7	Sutton	Boston	94	414	101	1.07	134	.323	198	2.10
8	Morrill.....	"	97	404	83	0.85	129	.319	207	2.13
9	Gillespie	New York	95	404	64	0.67	127	.314	171	1.80
10	Gross	Philadelphia	56	227	38	0.67	71	.312	112	2.00
11	Richardson ..	Buffalo	90	393	73	0.81	122	.310	173	1.92
12	Anson	Chicago	98	413	69	0.70	127	.307	172	1.75
13	Ewing	New York	85	369	88	1.03	113	.306	178	2.09
14	Farrell	Providence	93	420	91	0.97	128	.304	181	1.94
15	Bennett.....	Detroit	89	358	51	0.57	108	.301	163	1.83
16	Hines.....	Providence	97	442	93	0.95	132	.298	183	1.88
17	Dalrymple...	Chicago	80	363	78	0.97	108	.297	146	1.82
18	Wood.....	Detroit	96	426	78	0.81	126	.295	182	1.89
19	Burns.....	Chicago	97	405	69	0.71	119	.293	174	1.79
20	Shaffer.....	Buffalo	94	396	66	0.70	116	.292	130	1.38
21	Glasscock ..	Cleveland	93	372	64	0.68	108	.290	131	1.40
22	White	Buffalo	93	387	58	0.62	112	.289	135	1.45
23	Irwin	Providence	98	406	67	0.68	116	.285	150	1.53
24	{ Richmond	"	48	194	41	0.85	55	.283	78	1.62
	{ Radbourn	"	89	381	59	0.66	108	.283	133	1.49
	{ Start	"	87	370	63	0.72	105	.283	138	1.58
25	{ Whitney.....	Boston	96	410	78	0.81	116	.282	177	1.84
26	Hornung	"	98	446	106	1.08	124	.278	199	2.02
27	Williamson...	Chicago	98	402	83	0.84	111	.276	175	1.78
28	Rowe	Buffalo	86	370	64	0.74	102	.275	136	1.58
29	Denny	Providence	98	393	73	0.74	108	.274	172	1.75
	{ Wise	Boston	95	406	73	0.76	110	.270	162	1.70
30	{ Purcell	Philadelphia	96	422	71	0.73	114	.270	146	1.52
	{ Foley	Buffalo	23	111	22	0.95	30	.270	39	1.69
31	Powell	Detroit	97	408	74	0.76	109	.267	135	1.39
	{ Flint	Chicago	84	332	57	0.67	88	.265	117	1.39
32	Manning	Philadelphia.....	97	418	60	0.61	111	.265	149	1.53
33	Carroll	Providence	58	238	37	0.63	63	.264	80	1.38
34	Ward	New York	88	379	76	0.86	98	.258	149	1.69
35	Ferguson	Philadelphia.....	85	328	38	0.44	84	.256	98	1.15
36	{ York	Cleveland.....	97	368	53	0.54	94	.255	138	1.42
	{ Hotaling	"	97	411	52	0.53	105	.255	135	1.39

BATTING RECORD.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First-Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.
37	Kelly	Chicago	98	430	92	0.93	109	.253	163	1.66
38	Houck	Detroit	98	402	46	0.47	101	.251	137	1.39
39	Lewis	Philadelphia	38	162	23	0.60	40	.247	47	1.23
40	Farrell	Detroit	98	430	57	0.58	106	.246	125	1.27
41	Hanlon	"	97	399	64	0.66	98	.245	117	1.20
42	Phillips	Cleveland	94	372	42	0.44	91	.244	129	1.37
43	Eggler	Buffalo	37	148	12	0.32	36	.243	40	1.08
44	Nava	Providence	27	100	18	0.66	24	.240	32	1.18
45	Welch	New York	81	313	42	0.51	75	.239	105	1.29
46	Caskins	"	93	377	46	0.49	90	.238	108	1.16
47	Buffington ..	Boston	86	341	28	0.32	81	.237	98	1.14
	Derby	Buffalo	15	59	10	0.66	14	.237	15	1.00
	Cassidy	Providence	89	366	46	0.51	87	.237	113	1.27
	Dorgan	New York	62	255	32	0.51	60	.235	74	1.19
48	McCormick ...	Cleveland	41	157	21	0.51	37	.235	43	1.04
	Evans	"	89	327	36	0.40	77	.235	91	1.02
	Pfeffer	Chicago	96	371	41	0.42	87	.234	126	1.31
49	Hackett	Boston	46	179	20	0.43	42	.234	69	1.50
	Trott	Detroit	73	283	24	0.32	66	.233	80	1.09
	Quest	"	35	137	22	0.62	32	.233	44	1.25
50	Warner	Philadelphia	38	137	13	0.34	32	.233	40	1.05
	Coleman	"	89	353	13	0.34	82	.232	104	1.16
51	Briody	Cleveland	39	142	23	0.59	33	.232	38	0.97
52	Lillie	Buffalo	50	203	26	0.52	47	.231	61	1.22
53	McClellan ...	Philadelphia	78	326	46	0.59	75	.230	107	1.37
	Farrar	"	98	373	43	0.43	86	.230	118	1.20
54	Hines	Boston	61	232	38	0.62	53	.228	68	1.11
55	Muldoon	Cleveland	95	369	54	0.56	83	.224	109	1.14
56	Goldsmith	Chicago	60	235	38	0.63	52	.221	72	1.20
	Harbidge	Philadelphia	73	280	34	0.46	62	.221	81	1.10
	Hankinson ...	New York	91	330	41	0.45	73	.221	103	1.13
57	Galvin	Buffalo	79	317	41	0.51	70	.220	87	1.10
58	Mansell	Detroit	34	133	22	0.64	29	.218	35	1.03
	Sweeney	Providence	21	87	9	0.43	19	.218	21	1.00
59	Smith	Boston	29	115	10	0.34	25	.217	34	1.17
60	Troy	New York	82	310	37	0.45	67	.216	79	0.96
61	Force	Buffalo	95	375	41	0.43	80	.213	93	0.97
62	Corcoran	Chicago	66	265	40	0.60	55	.207	79	1.19
63	Radford	Boston	71	258	46	0.65	53	.205	65	0.91
64	Doyle	Philadelphia	16	64	1	0.06	13	.203	14	0.87
65	Gilligan	Providence	72	262	34	0.47	52	.198	69	0.95
66	Burns	Detroit	36	135	10	0.27	26	.192	35	0.97
67	Shaw	"	38	137	11	0.29	26	.189	27	0.71
68	Ringo	Philadelphia	57	218	23	0.40	40	.183	50	0.87
69	Clapp	New York	19	73	6	0.31	13	.178	13	0.68
	O'Neill	"	23	84	7	0.30	15	.178	18	0.78
70	Weidman	Detroit	76	300	31	0.40	52	.173	64	0.84
71	Bushong	Cleveland	61	209	14	0.22	36	.172	41	0.67
72	Neagle	Philadelphia	18	73	5	0.28	12	.164	13	0.72
73	Humphries ...	New York	26	102	5	0.19	12	.117	13	0.50
74	Daily	Cleveland	42	137	17	0.40	15	.109	16	0.38
75	Hagan	Philadelphia	16	60	3	0.19	5	.083	8	0.50
76	Pierce	New York	18	62	3	0.16	5	.080	7	0.38

FIELDING AVERAGES.

Of Players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games,

SEASON OF 1883.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted
1	Morrill	Boston	80	796	21	21	838	.974
2	Phillips	Cleveland	94	924	23	30	977	.969
3	Farrar	Philadelphia	98	1031	31	37	1099	.966
4	Anson	Chicago	98	1031	41	40	1112	.964
5	Brouthers	Buffalo	97	1030	34	44	1108	.960
6	Start	Providence	87	923	29	42	994	.959
7	Connor	New York	96	941	39	44	1024	.957
8	Powell	Detroit	97	970	29	53	1052	.947

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Farrell	Providence	93	258	365	50	673	.925
2	Burdock	Boston	96	226	292	43	561	.923
3	Dunlap	Cleveland	96	291	283	58	632	.908
4	Richardson	Buffalo	90	232	341	68	691	.901
5	Quest	Detroit	35	112	112	26	250	.896
6	Pfeffer	Chicago	79	269	264	67	600	.888
7	Trott	Detroit	36	98	90	25	213	.882
8	Troy	New York	70	168	213	57	438	.869
9	Ferguson	Philadelphia	85	258	289	88	635	.861
10	Burns	Chicago	17	59	57	28	144	.805

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Denny	Providence	98	178	188	52	418	.875
2	Hankinson	New York	90	118	165	41	324	.873
3	Sutton	Boston	94	123	156	41	320	.871
4	Farrell	Detroit	98	104	243	64	411	.844
5	Muldoon	Cleveland	95	118	171	61	350	.825
6	Williamson	Chicago	97	112	252	87	451	.807
7	White	Buffalo	75	79	128	54	261	.793
8	Purcell	Philadelphia	47	64	114	49	227	.784
9	Warner	Philadelphia	37	46	52	29	127	.771

SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Glasscock	Cleveland.....	90	126	304	38	468	.918
2	Force.....	Buffalo.....	77	75	240	42	357	.882
3	Burns.....	Chicago.....	79	123	260	56	439	.872
4	Irwin.....	Providence.....	94	93	293	63	449	.859
5	Caskins.....	New York.....	79	138	244	63	445	.858
6	Houck.....	Detroit.....	97	154	314	81	549	.852
7	McClellan.....	Philadelphia.....	76	152	259	72	483	.850
8	Wise.....	Boston.....	95	137	276	86	499	.827
9	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	17	15	64	19	98	.806
10	Rowe.....	Buffalo.....	17	9	40	14	63	.777

FIELDERS.

1	Hornung.....	Boston.....	98	175	15	13	203	.936
2	Hines.....	Providence.....	98	168	21	18	207	.913
3	Smith.....	Boston.....	29	54	3	6	63	.904
4	{ Evans.....	Cleveland.....	85	119	29	16	164	.902
	{ Carroll.....	Providence.....	58	109	11	13	133	.902
5	Gillespie.....	New York.....	95	211	11	26	248	.895
6	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	85	207	13	27	247	.890
7	Wood.....	".....	95	218	14	31	263	.882
8	Foley.....	Buffalo.....	23	42	2	6	50	.880
9	Weidman.....	Detroit.....	26	42	9	7	58	.879
10	Gore.....	Chicago.....	91	196	27	34	257	.867
11	{ O'Rourke.....	Buffalo.....	56	87	8	15	110	.863
	{ Cassidy.....	Providence.....	97	120	26	23	169	.862
12	Coleman.....	Philadelphia.....	26	61	14	12	87	.862
13	York.....	Cleveland.....	97	170	15	30	215	.860
	{ Shaffer.....	Buffalo.....	94	178	41	36	255	.858
14	{ Ward.....	New York.....	48	118	28	24	170	.858
	{ Dorgan.....	".....	57	102	7	18	127	.858
15	Manning.....	Philadelphia.....	97	152	37	33	222	.851
16	Pierce.....	New York.....	17	33	1	6	40	.850
17	Purcell.....	Philadelphia.....	41	60	14	14	83	.840
18	Radford.....	Boston.....	71	87	16	20	123	.837
19	Eggler.....	Buffalo.....	37	77	4	16	97	.835
20	Lillie.....	".....	44	71	8	16	95	.831
21	Dalrymple.....	Chicago.....	80	150	12	34	196	.826
22	Hotaling.....	Cleveland.....	97	176	23	42	241	.825
23	Lewis.....	Philadelphia.....	38	84	8	21	113	.814
24	{ Doyle.....	".....	16	22	4	6	32	.812
	{ Kelly.....	Chicago.....	74	101	38	32	171	.812
25	Harbidge.....	Philadelphia.....	45	83	7	23	113	.796
26	Whitney.....	Boston.....	32	55	7	16	78	.794
27	{ Burns.....	Detroit.....	21	18	4	7	29	.758
	{ Mansell.....	".....	34	35	12	15	62	.758
28	Buffington.....	Boston.....	49	52	10	20	82	.756
29	Welch.....	New York.....	35	42	9	17	68	.750
30	Radbourn.....	Providence.....	15	13	3	6	22	.727
31	Richmond.....	".....	37	47	3	20	70	.714
32	Rowe.....	Buffalo.....	22	33	1	14	48	.708

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	65	320	84	25	41	470	.859
2	Ewing.....	New York.....	60	262	92	31	34	419	.844
3	Bushong.....	Cleveland.....	61	352	83	44	44	523	.831
4	Rowe.....	Buffalo.....	45	229	50	32	34	345	.808
5	Gilligan.....	Providence.....	72	378	107	54	74	613	.791
6	O'Rourke.....	Buffalo.....	38	128	34	13	30	205	.790
7	Briody.....	Cleveland.....	32	168	45	24	33	270	.788
8	Hackett.....	Boston.....	42	258	57	31	68	414	.760
9	Flint.....	Chicago.....	77	303	104	57	76	540	.753
10	Hines.....	Boston.....	56	382	103	61	99	645	.751
11	White.....	Buffalo.....	18	90	36	12	32	170	.741
12	Clapp.....	New York.....	15	80	31	13	26	150	.740
12	Ringo.....	Philadelphia.....	38	171	69	43	41	324	.740
13	Trott.....	Detroit.....	32	153	43	30	42	268	.731
14	Nava.....	Providence.....	26	96	40	29	23	188	.723
15	Kelly.....	Chicago.....	20	73	37	21	28	159	.691
16	Gross.....	Philadelphia.....	53	201	69	74	66	410	.658
17	Humphries.....	New York.....	16	71	30	23	31	155	.651

BATTING AND FIELDING

Record of Clubs, Members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs.

SEASON OF 1883.

BATTING.																		FIELDING.																			
NAME OF CLUB.		Rank.		Games Played		Games Won.		Times at Bat.		Runs Scored.		Average per Game.		Runs Earned.		Average per Game.		First Bases.		Percentage.		Total Bases.		Average per Game.		Number Put Out.		Times Assisting.		Fielding Errors.		"Passed Balls" and "Wild Pitches."		Total Chances.		Percentage of Chances Accepted.	
1	Boston	98	63	3657	668	6.81	310	3.16	1010	.276	1481	15.11	2581	1610	491	223	4905	852																			
2	Chicago	98	59	3658	680	6.93	286	2.91	1000	.273	1420	14.48	2570	1592	665	148	4975	.836																			
3	Providence ..	98	58	3685	634	6.47	265	2.70	1001	.271	1357	13.84	2602	1445	526	158	4731	.855																			
4	Cleveland ...	97	55	3373	464	4.78	164	1.69	830	.246	1081	11.14	2579	1512	608	140	4839	.845																			
5	Buffalo	97	52	3690	603	6.21	270	2.78	1044	.282	1346	13.87	2584	1514	542	169	4809	.852																			
6	New York...	96	46	3476	527	5.49	200	2.08	892	.256	1220	12.70	2517	1296	629	177	4619	.825																			
7	Detroit	98	40	3603	498	5.08	172	1.75	892	.247	1163	11.86	2589	1443	630	118	4780	.843																			
8	Philadelphia	98	17	3541	439	4.47	157	1.60	850	.240	1116	11.39	2567	1393	740	187	4887	.810																			
Total		780	390	28683	4513	5.78	1824	2.33	7519	.262	10184	13.05	20589	11805	4831	1320	38545	.844																			

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat of Opponents.	Runs Scored by Opponents.	Average per Game.	Runs Earned by Opponents.	Average per Game.	First-Base Hits Made by Opponents.	Percentage.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Burns	Detroit	15	578	118	7.86	59	3.73	169	.292	3	25	37	7	102	.568
Buffinton	Boston	35	1247	169	4.82	71	2.02	310	.248	16	229	61	18	324	.756
Coleman	Philadelphia	63	2575	544	8.63	241	3.82	809	.314	24	189	54	13	280	.760
Corcoran	Chicago	52	1881	262	5.03	89	1.71	456	.242	40	258	99	20	417	.714
Daily	Cleveland	41	1420	170	1.14	56	1.36	341	.240	5	190	110	28	333	.585
Goldsmith	Chicago	46	1755	278	6.04	131	2.84	496	.282	26	147	55	18	246	.703
Galvin	Buffalo	73	2412	339	4.64	175	2.39	644	.267	27	367	54	25	473	.833
Hagan	Philadelphia	16	620	151	9.43	59	3.69	200	.322	8	49	45	27	129	.441
McCormick	Cleveland	40	1470	146	3.65	54	1.35	308	.209	15	207	82	9	313	.709
O'Neill	New York	16	589	113	7.06	39	2.43	168	.285	9	37	64	29	139	.330
Radbourn	Providence	72	2537	290	4.02	103	1.43	585	.230	42	254	72	35	403	.734
Sweeney	"	15	532	82	5.46	32	2.13	124	.233	19	53	41	16	129	.558
Shaw	Detroit	26	949	136	5.23	52	2.00	247	.260	6	81	50	6	143	.608
Weidman	"	45	1660	284	6.31	142	3.15	448	.269	25	157	75	10	267	.681
Whitney	Boston	62	2218	285	4.59	112	1.80	532	.239	15	399	41	38	493	.839
Ward	New York	33	1197	196	5.94	82	2.48	311	.259	25	125	46	20	216	.694
Welch	"	46	1673	253	5.50	102	2.21	404	.241	29	107	81	21	238	.571

SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1884.

1884.	At Chicago.	At Detroit.	At Cleveland.	At Buffalo.	At Boston.	At Providence	At New York.	At Philad'phia
Chicago.		June 11	May 21	May 24	May 13	May 10	May 1	May 3
		12	22	26	14	12	2	5
		13	" 23	" 27	" 17	" 15	" 6	8
		14	June 18	June 16	" 19	" 16	" 7	9
		July 11	" 19	" 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 21	Sept. 2	Sept. 8
		12	July 22	July 17	" 20	" 23	" 3	10
		14	" 23	" 18	" 26	" 27	" 4	11
Detroit.		15	" 24	" 19	" 30	" 28	" 6	13
	May 29		May 24	May 21	May 10	May 13	May 3	May 1
	* " 30		" 26	" 22	12	14	5	2
	† " 31		" 27	" 23	" 15	" 17	" 8	" 6
	July 26		June 16	June 18	" 16	" 19	" 9	" 7
	" 28		July 17	July 19	Aug. 21	Aug. 19	Sept. 10	Sept. 1
	" 29		" 18	" 23	" 27	" 26	" 11	" 4
Cleveland.	" 30		" 19	" 24	" 28	" 30	" 13	" 6
	June 6	June 2		June 11	May 3	May 1	May 10	May 13
	" 7	" 3		" 12	" 5	" 2	" 12	" 14
	" 9	" 4		" 13	" 8	" 6	" 15	" 17
	" 10	" 5		" 14	" 9	" 7	" 16	" 19
	Aug. 2	Aug. 9		July 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 4	Aug. 26	Aug. 19
	" 4	" 11		" 28	" 3	" 6	" 27	" 20
Buffalo.	" 5	" 12		" 29	" 9	" 10	" 28	" 22
	" 6	" 13		" 30	" 13	" 11	" 30	" 23
	June 2	June 6	May 29		May 1	May 3	May 13	May 10
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Boston.	" 11	" 4	" 12		" 6	" 3	" 20	" 27
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	June 21	June 26	July 5	July 1		June 6	May 22	May 20
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Providence.	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7		July 12	July 26	July 29
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	June 26	June 21	July 1	July 5	June 7		May 20	May 22
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New York.	" 30	" 25	† " 4	" 9	" 14		" 26	" 28
	Sept. 23	Sept. 16	Oct. 7	Sept. 30	July 11		July 29	July 26
	" 24	" 17	" 8	Oct. 1	" 14		" 30	" 28
	" 25	" 18	" 9	" 2	Aug. 9		Aug. 5	Aug. 2
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	July 5	July 1	June 26	June 21	* May 30	May 29		June 9
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Phil'a.	" 8	" 4	" 28	" 24	June 4	June 2		" 13
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SCHEDULE OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES OF THE AMERICAN B. B. ASSOCIATION, 1884.

CLUBS.	Columbus.	Cincinnati.	Louisville.	Indianapolis.	Toledo.	St. Louis.	New York.	Brooklyn.	Philadelphia.	Baltimore.	Washington.	Allegheny.
Columbus, at.....	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 23 " 24	4 May " 6 " 7 Aug. 26 " 27	1 Aug. " 2 " 3 " 19 " 21	1 July " 30 " 31 Aug. 16 " 18	May 9 " 10 " 11 July 26 " 27	June 16 " 17 " 18 Oct. 1 " 2	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 27 " 29	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 13 " 16	May 30 " 31 June 2 Oct. 9 " 11	May 30 " 31 June 5 Oct. 6 " 8	May 26 " 27 June 4 Oct. 13 " 15	May 26 " 27 June 4 Oct. 13 " 15
Cincinnati, at.....	May 13 " 14 " 15 Aug. 28 " 30	17 July " 18 " 19 Aug. 5 " 6	17 May " 18 " 19 Aug. 5 " 6	17 May " 18 " 19 Aug. 5 " 6	May 22 " 23 " 24 Sept. 1 " 2	July 23 " 24 " 25 Aug. 9 " 9	June 3 " 4 " 5 Oct. 9 " 11	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 13 " 15	June 16 " 17 " 18 Sept. 27 " 29	May 26 " 28 June 2 Oct. 1 " 2	May 26 " 28 June 2 Oct. 1 " 2	June 12 " 13 " 14 Oct. 6 " 8
Louisville, at.....	May 17 " 18 " 20 Aug. 31 Sept. 2	17 July " 27 " 28 Aug. 13 " 14	17 May " 24 " 25 Aug. 28 " 30	17 May " 24 " 25 Aug. 28 " 30	May 22 " 24 " 25 July 23 " 24	July 23 " 24 " 25 Aug. 10 " 12	June 7 " 9 " 10 Sept. 27 " 29	June 3 " 4 " 5 Oct. 1 " 2	May 30 " 31 June 3 Oct. 6 " 8	May 27 " 28 June 9 Oct. 10 " 11	May 27 " 28 June 9 Oct. 10 " 11	June 16 " 17 " 18 Oct. 13 " 15
Indianapolis, at.....	July 23 " 24 " 26 Aug. 10 " 12	May 4 " 6 " 7 Aug. 26 " 27	May 9 " 10 " 11 Aug. 23 " 24	May 9 " 10 " 11 Aug. 23 " 24	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 23 " 24	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 23 " 24	May 29 " 30 " 31 Oct. 13 " 15	May 27 " 28 " 30 Oct. 13 " 15	June 12 " 13 " 14 Oct. 6 " 8	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 3 " 4	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 3 " 4	June 3 " 4 " 5 Sept. 27 " 29
Toledo, at.....	July 20 " 21 " 22 Aug. 9 " 9	May 9 " 10 " 11 July 29 " 31	1 July " 17 " 18 Aug. 5 " 6	1 July " 17 " 18 Aug. 5 " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis, at.....	May 22 " 23 " 25 Aug. 14 " 15	22 July " 30 " 31 Aug. 16 " 17	22 Aug. " 30 " 31 Sept. 2 " 3	22 Aug. " 30 " 31 Sept. 2 " 3	May 17 " 18 " 19 Aug. 5 " 6	May 17 " 18 " 19 Aug. 5 " 6	May 27 " 28 " 30 Oct. 3 " 4	May 29 " 30 " 31 Oct. 6 " 8	June 12 " 13 " 14 Oct. 13 " 15	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 13 " 15	June 7 " 9 " 10 Oct. 13 " 15	June 3 " 4 " 5 Sept. 27 " 29

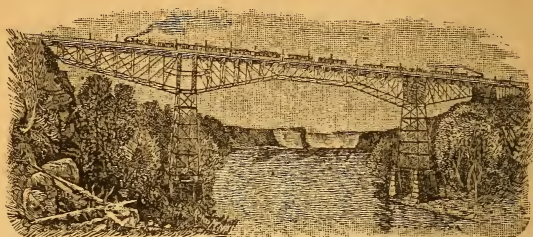
Metropolitan, at.....	June 29 July 1 Sept. 23	June 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 4	June 21 " 22 " 24 Sept. 9	July 12 " 13 " 15 Sept. 17	July 7 " 8 " 10 Sept. 18	July 4 " 5 Sept. 12	.....	July 29 " 30 " 31 Sept. 1	July 23 " 24 " 25 Aug. 13	May 23 " 24 " 25 Aug. 14	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 26	May 9 " 10 " 12 Aug. 1	May 5 " 6 " 7 Aug. 16	5 6 7 16 18
Brooklyn, at.....	June 21 " 22 Sept. 11	June 6 " 8 " 10 Sept. 14	June 4 " 5 Sept. 18	June 1 " 2 Sept. 4	June 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 8	July 12 " 13 " 15 Sept. 21	July 21 " 22 " 23 " 24	.....	July 26 " 27 " 28 Aug. 3	May 22 " 23 " 24 July 17	May 22 " 23 " 24 Aug. 17	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 7	May 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 7	9 10 12 4 6
Athletic, at.....	July 6 " 8 Sept. 14	June 4 " 5 Sept. 18	June 21 " 22 Sept. 9	July 11 " 12 " 15 Sept. 11	June 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 5	July 12 " 13 " 15 Sept. 21	July 21 " 22 " 23 " 24	.....	.....	May 5 " 6 " 7 Aug. 21	May 5 " 6 " 7 Aug. 21	May 13 " 14 " 15 Aug. 4	May 13 " 14 " 15 Aug. 4	1 2 3 1 2
Baltimore, at.....	July 4 " 5 Sept. 18	June 12 " 13 " 15 Sept. 21	June 6 " 8 " 10 Sept. 23	June 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 13	June 21 " 22 " 24 Sept. 11	July 11 " 12 " 15 Sept. 11	July 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 30 31 13 14
Washington, at.....	July 12 " 13 Sept. 4	June 29 " 30 Sept. 7	June 26 " 27 " 28 Sept. 12	July 6 " 8 " 10 Sept. 20	July 4 " 5 Sept. 22	June 21 " 22 " 24 Sept. 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 18 19 1 2
Allegheny, at.....	June 26 " 27 Sept. 7	June 21 " 22 " 24 Sept. 11	July 12 " 13 " 15 Sept. 14	June 4 " 5 Sept. 21	June 30 " 1 " 2 Sept. 6	July 13 " 14 " 15 Sept. 18

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SCHEDULE OF NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1884.

CLUBS.	Minneapolis.	St. Paul.	Stillwater.	Milwaukee.	Quincy.	Peoria.	Terre Haute.	Fort Wayne.	Muskegon.	Grand Rapids.	Saginaw.	Bay City.
Minneapolis, at.....	June 21 " 23 " 24 Sept. 24 Sept. 25	June 9 " 10 " 11 Sept. 16 " 17	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 19 " 20	June 6 " 7 " 8 Aug. 6 " 7	1 May " 2 " 3 2 Aug. " 4	10 May " 12 " 13 July 30 " 31	2 June " 3 " 4 Aug. 18 " 19	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 15 " 16	15 May " 16 " 17 Aug. 21 " 22	20 May " 21 " 22 Aug. 23 " 25	29 May " 30 " 30 " 30 Aug. 12 " 13	24 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 9 " 11
St. Paul, at.....	June 28 " 30 Oct. 2 " 3 " 4	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 19 " 20	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 19 " 20	1 May " 2 " 3 July 30 " 31	10 May " 12 " 13 Aug. 6 " 7	6 May " 7 " 8 Aug. 2 " 4	6 May " 7 " 8 Aug. 15 " 16	29 May " 30 " 31 Aug. 18 " 19	20 May " 21 " 22 Aug. 12 " 13	15 May " 16 " 17 Aug. 9 " 11	2 June " 3 " 4 Aug. 21 " 22	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 23 " 25
Stillwater, at.....	July 1 " 2 Oct. 7 " 8 " 9	June 25 " 26 Sept. 27 " 29 " 30	June 25 " 26 Sept. 27 " 29 " 30	10 May " 12 " 13 Aug. 2 " 4	6 May " 7 " 8 July 31 " 31	1 May " 2 " 3 Aug. 6 " 7	1 May " 2 " 3 Aug. 6 " 7	24 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 23 " 25	2 June " 3 " 4 Aug. 9 " 11	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 12 " 13	20 May " 21 " 22 Aug. 18 " 19	15 May " 16 " 17 Aug. 15 " 16
Milwaukee, at.....	June 17 " 18 " 19 Sept. 22 " 23	July 1 " 2 Oct. 7 " 8 " 9	June 28 " 30 Oct. 2 " 3 " 4	..... ..... ..... ..... .....	June 21 " 23 " 24 Sept. 25 " 26	9 June " 10 " 11 Sept. 16 " 17	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 23 " 25	3 June " 4 Aug. 21 " 22	2 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 15 " 16	24 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 15 " 16	15 May " 16 " 17 Aug. 9 " 11	20 May " 21 " 22 Aug. 12 " 13
Quincy, at.....	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 19 " 20	June 9 " 10 " 11 Sept. 16 " 17	June 17 " 18 " 19 Sept. 22 " 23	June 25 " 26 Sept. 27 " 29 " 30	..... ..... ..... ..... .....	1 July " 2 Oct. 2 " 3 " 4	1 May " 2 " 3 Aug. 9 " 11	20 May " 21 " 22 Aug. 12 " 13	29 May " 30 " 30 " 30 Aug. 19	24 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 15 " 16	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 23 " 25	2 June " 3 " 4 Aug. 21 " 22
Peoria, at.....	June 25 " 26 Sept. 27 " 29 " 30	June 17 " 18 " 19 Sept. 22 " 23	June 21 " 23 " 24 Sept. 24 " 25	June 12 " 13 " 14 Sept. 19 " 20	June 28 " 30 Oct. 7 " 8 " 9	May 20 " 21 " 22 Aug. 12 " 13	15 May " 16 " 17 Aug. 9 " 11	5 June " 6 " 7 Aug. 23 " 25	2 June " 3 " 4 Aug. 21 " 22	24 May " 26 " 27 Aug. 15 " 16	29 May " 30 " 31 Aug. 18 " 19

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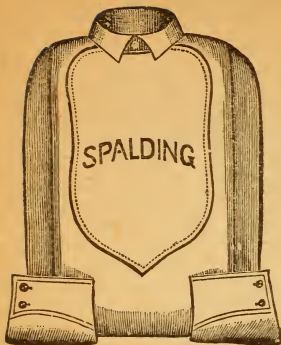
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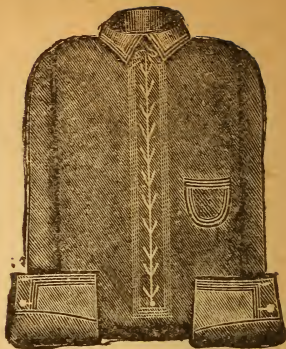
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TO MEASURE FOR SHIRT.—Size Collar worn. Length of Sleeve, bent, from center of back. Size around Chest. Length of Yoke from shoulder to shoulder.

BASE BALL PANTS.



- | No. | | Each. | Dozen. |
|-----|--|--------|---------|
| 0. | Extra quality flannel Pants, White, Blue or Gray..... | \$5 00 | \$54 00 |
| 1. | First quality twilled flannel, White, Blue or Red..... | 4 00 | 42 00 |
| 2. | Second quality twilled flannel, White, Blue or Gray..... | 3 25 | 36 00 |
| 3. | Third quality, Shaker flannel, White only..... | 2 25 | 24 00 |

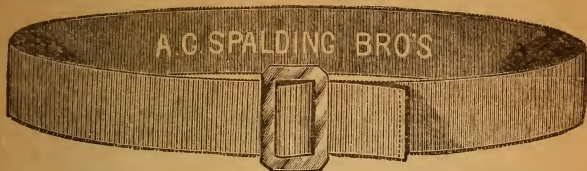
TO MEASURE FOR PANTS.—Size around waist. Length of outside seam from waist to eight inches below the knee (for full length pants measure to the foot). Length of inside seam. Size around hips.

A. C. SPALDING & BROS.,

123 Madison Street, Chicago.

SPALDING'S BASE BALL BELTS—Worsted Web Belts.

Our No. 0, or League Club Belt is made of best Worsted Webbing, 2½ inches wide, mounted in best manner, with large nickel plated buckle, the finest belt made. Our No. 1 belt is made of same webbing, leather mounted. We use the following colors of webbing. In ordering, please state the color wanted, and size around waist.



- Style A. Red. Style D. Brown. Style G. Red, White Edge.
 " B. Blue. " E. Black. " H. Blue, "
 " C. Navy Blue. " F. White.

No. o.	League Club Belt, of any of the above colors, nickel plated buckle as shown in above cut.	Per Dozen.....	\$6.00
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No. 1. Worsted Web Belt, same colors as above, mounted in leather, with one broad strap and buckle as shown in above cut. (Our leather mounted belts are made with one broad strap, instead of two narrow ones, as they are more popular with players and stronger). Per Doz. \$4.50

SPALDING'S COTTON WEB BELTS.

Our Cotton Web Belts are made of best quality Cotton Webbing, in the following fast colors. In ordering, please state color, and size around waist.

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|----------|---------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Style L. | Red. | Style O. | White, Blue
Edge. | Style R. | Red and White,
Narrow Stripes. |
| " M. | Blue. | " P. | Red and White,
Wide Stripes. | " S. | Blue and White,
Narrow Stripes. |
| N. | White, Red
Edge. | " Q. | Blue and White,
Wide Stripes. | " T. | Yellow, Black,
Wide Stripes. |

No. 3. Cotton Web Belts, any of above colors, large patent nickel plated buckle. Per Dozen.....	\$4.00
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No. 4. Cotton Web, Leather Mounted, as shown in above cut. Per Doz. \$2.50

SPALDING'S BASE BALL STOCKINGS.

No. o. League Regulation, made of the finest worsted yarn. The following colors can be obtained: White, Light Blue, Navy Blue, Scarlet, Gray, Green, Old Gold, Brown.....\$18.00

No. 1.	Fine quality Woolen Stockings, Scarlet, Blue or Brown.....	12.00
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No. 3. Second	or Blue, with white	
or drab cotton feet		6.00

No. 01. Finest German Cotton Base Ball Hose, made and imported expressly for our own trade. Solid White, Red, Blue, &c.	0.00
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expressly for our own trade—Solid White, Red, Blue or Brown....	12.00
No. 02. Same as No. 01, second grade, same colors	0.00

No. 02.	Same as No. 01, second grade, same colors	9.00
No. 03.	" No. 01, third " " "	7.00

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Base Ball Shoes.



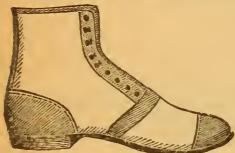
No. 1.



No. 2.

No. 1. League Club Shoe. Same as used by League Clubs. Made of Leather in the best manner. The Standard Screw Fastener is used. Price per pair... \$6 00

No. 2. Chicago Club Shoe. Extra quality canvas, foxed with French calf. The Standard Screw Fastener is used. Price per pair 4 00



No. 3.



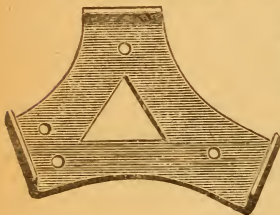
No. 4.

No. 3. Amateur, or Practice Shoe. Good quality canvas, strap over instep. Price per pair... \$2 00

No. 3X. Amateur Base Ball Shoe for Boys. Second quality canvas. Price per pair... 1 50

No. 4. Oxford Tie Base Ball Shoe. Low cut, canvas. Price per pair 2 00

SPALDING'S SHOE PLATES.



Our new design League Steel Shoe Plate has become the favorite plate among League players during the past season, and we have this year added it to our regular line of shoe plates. It is made by hand of the best quality English steel, and so tempered that it will not bend or break. The peculiar shape of the plate is shown in the adjoining cut. The majority of League players use this plate on the toe, and our No. 1, or Professional Plate, on the heel. Each pair of plates—right and left—are put up with screws.

Per Pair. Per Doz.

No. 0. Spalding's League Shoe Plate, \$ 50 \$5 00

No. 1. Spalding's Professional Shoe Plate, as shown in the adjoining cut, is made of first quality steel. It is lighter and smaller than the No. 0 plate, but will render good service. Each pair put up with screws, complete... 25 2 50



No. 2. Spalding's Malleable Iron Shoe Plate, light and durable, with screws... 15 1 50

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BASE BALL CAPS AND HATS.



No. 1



No. 3.



No. 7.



No. 5.



No. 11



No. 13.



No. 19.



No. 21.

	1st. qual.	2d qual.	3d qual.
No. 1. League Parti-colored Cap.....	\$12 00	.....	.....
No. 3. Base Ball Hat, any color.....	18 00	15 00	.....
No. 5. Base Ball Cap, Chicago style, any color, with or without stripes.....	9 00	.....	.....
No. 7. Base Ball Cap, Boston shape, without star, any colors.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 7. Ditto, all white only.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 11. Base Ball Cap, Jockey shape, any color..	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 11. Ditto, all white only.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 13. Base Ball Cap, Boston shape, with star..	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 19. Base Ball Skull Cap, any color.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 19. Ditto, white only.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 21. College Base Ball Cap, any color.....	9 00	7 50	6 00
No. 21. Ditto, white only.....	9 00	7 50	6 00

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No. 0. League Club Bat Bag, made of sole leather, with name outside, to hold two dozen bats. Each.....\$15 00

No. 1. Canvas Bat Bag, leather ends, to hold two dozen bats.....	\$5 00
No. 2. Canvas Bat Bag, leather ends, to hold one dozen bats.....	4 00
No. 01. Spalding's new design, individual, sole leather Bat Bag for two bats, as used by the players of the Chicago club.....each,	4 00
No. 02. Same size and style as above, made of strong canvas... “	1 50

BASES.



No. 0. League Club Bases, made of extra canvas, stuffed and quilted complete, with straps and spikes, without home plate.... Per set of three	\$7 50
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Marble Home plate.....	
Iron “ “	

Spalding's Trade-Marked Catcher's Mask.



The first Catcher's Mask brought out in 1875, was a very heavy, clumsy affair, and it was not until we invented our open-eyed mask in 1877 that it came into general use. Now it would be considered unsafe and even dangerous for a catcher to face the swift underhand throwing of the present day unless protected by a reliable mask. The increased demand for these goods has brought manufacturers into the field who, having no reputation to sustain, have vied with each other to see how *cheap* they could make a so-

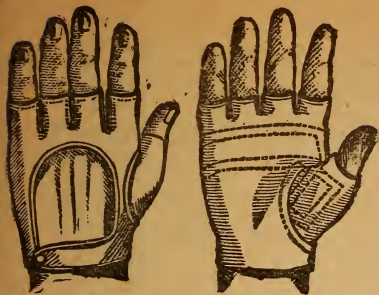
called mask, and in consequence have ignored the essential qualification, *strength*. A cheaply made, inferior quality of mask is much worse than no protection at all, for a broken wire or one that will not stand the force of the ball without caving in, is liable to disfigure a player for life. We would warn catchers not to trust their faces behind one of these *cheap* made masks. Our trade-marked masks are made of the very best hard wire, plated to prevent rusting, and well trimmed, and every one is a thorough face protector. We shall make them in three grades as described below, and with our increased facilities for manufacturing, are enabled to improve the quality, and at the same time reduce the price.

Beware of counterfeits. *None genuine without our Trade Mark stamped on each Mask.*

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|--------|--|-----------------|
| No. 0. | SPALDING'S SPECIAL LEAGUE MASK, used by all the leading professional catchers, extra heavy wire, well padded with goathair and the padding faced with the best imported dogskin, which is impervious to perspiration and retains its pliability and softness. | Each.
\$3 00 |
| No. 2. | SPALDING'S AMATEUR MASK, made the same size and general style as the League Mask, but with lighter wire and faced with leather, (we guarantee this Mask to be superior to so-called professional Masks sold by other manufacturers). | 2 00 |
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Spalding's Trade-Marked Catcher's Gloves




After considerable expense and many experiments we have finally perfected a Catcher's Glove that meets with general favor from professional catchers.

The old style of open backed gloves introduced by us several years ago is still adhered to, but the quality of material and workmanship has been materially

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Price
Per Pair.

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|--------|---|--------|
| No. 0. | SPALDING'S LEAGUE CLUB CATCHER'S GLOVES, made of extra heavy Indian tanned buck, and carefully selected with special reference to the hard service required of them, open back, well padded, and fully warranted..... | \$2 50 |
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| No. 2. | SPALDING'S AMATEUR GLOVES, made of lighter buckskin, open back, well padded and adapted for amateur players..... | 1 50 |
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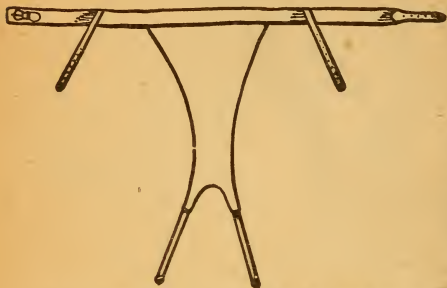
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Spalding's Catchers and Umpire's Breast Protector.

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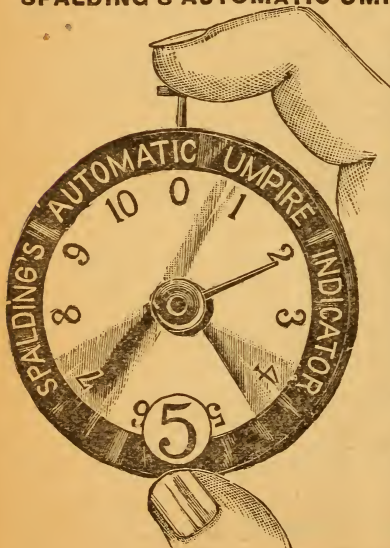
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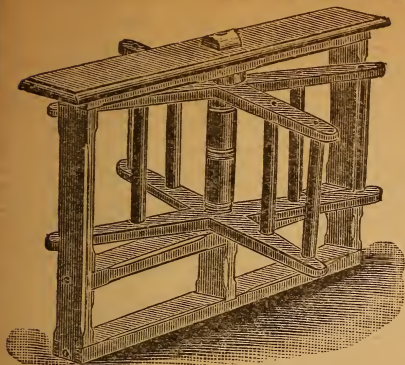
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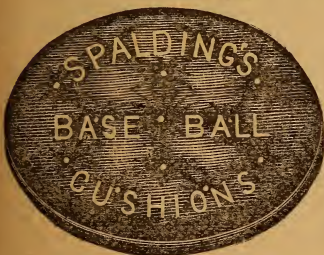
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Orders from Base Ball Clubs should be sent in as early as possible, insuring their being filled before the beginning of the season.

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By permission we publish the following testimonials from some of the leading batters of the country, and as to the general merits of these bats, we would refer to any prominent professional or amateur player in the United States. Beware of cheap imitations which flood the market. None genuine without our trade-mark plainly stamped on each bat.

During my experience in Base Ball matters I have used the "Spalding Trade-Marked Bats" almost exclusively, and consider them far preferable to any others at present in use. I cheerfully recommend the same to all ball players desiring a first-class article.

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Your "Trade-Marked Bats" are unquestionably the best bats now manufactured. I have used none others for the past four seasons. They seem to be in universal use among all League Players.

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Your "Trade-Marked Bats" have my unqualified indorsement. I have used no other for the past four years, or since they were introduced.

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These celebrated bats were first introduced in 1877, and they have gradually grown into popularity, until now they are used almost exclusively by all prominent professional and amateur players. All the timber used in these bats is allowed to season from one to two years in the sun before being made up, and the result is we are enabled to make much lighter and stronger bats than where the timber is hastily "kiln-dried," as done by nearly all manufacturers of *cheap* goods. Each bat is turned by hand, after the most approved and varied models, and if found to answer the requirements as to weight, size, length, etc., the *trade-mark* is stamped on each bat to insure its genuineness. We point with much pride to the handsome testimonials given these bats by the leading batters of the country, as printed on the adjoining page

PRICES.

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		Each.	Per Doz.
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